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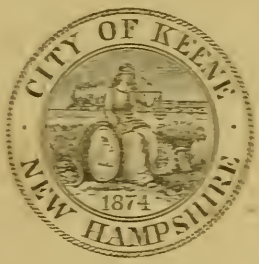

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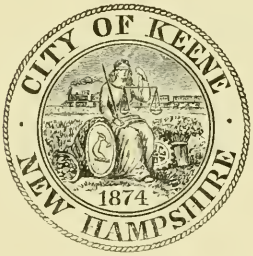

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CITY OF KEENE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ordering the printing of Annual Reports.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows: That there be printed as soon as may be, under the supervision of the Joint Standing Committee on Printing, for general circulation, a sufficient number of copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings attending the inauguration of the City Government in January last, together with such Ordinances and Joint Resolutions as have since been passed, or may be thought proper, with the Reports of the Finance Committee, the City Clerk, City Marshal, City Solicitor, City Messenger, Superintendent of Highways and Bridges, Superintendent of Water Works, Chief Engineer, Trustees of Public Library, Board of Health, Police Justice, City Physician, and any other matters thought expedient.

DEXTER W. GILBERT,
President Common Council.

Passed Dec. 11, 1880.

HORATIO KIMBALL,
Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

L. C. DOOLITTLE,
City Clerk.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1880.

The members elect of the City Government having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office prescribed by law was administered to the Mayor elect, HORATIO KIMBALL, by the retiring Mayor, REUBEN STEWART, after which His Honor the Mayor administered the oath of office to the following Boards, viz:

Board of Aldermen:

CHARLES F. WILSON,
CYRUS PIPER,
JASON FRENCH,
NORRIS G. GURNSEY,
EDWARD B. TARBELL.

Board of Common Council:

HIRAM BLAKE,
JAMES SPENCER,
MILTON M. PARKS,
JERRY P. WELLMAN,
JAMES W. RUSSELL,
CHARLES W. BUCKMINSTER,
ALBERT O. FISKE,
GEORGE W. MCDUFFEE,
JAMES H. FISHER,
DEXTER W. GILBERT,
GEORGE H. RICHARDS,
CHARLES W. SHEDD,
JAMES H. SMITH,
SYLVANUS A. MORSE,
HENRY COUILLARD.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Hayward, after which the Mayor delivered his Inaugural Address, as follows:

MAYOR KIMBALL'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:—

In again convening for the organization of a newly elected board of city officers, it is proper that we remember with gratitude that Source of Power that rules the affairs of men as well as nations, and return thanks for the unusual health and material prosperity that so abound in this community and throughout the country at the present time.

And after an experience of six years under a city government, and in entering upon the seventh, you may not consider it an inappropriate time to take a retrospect, and by comparison see whether in changing the old town government to the present municipal form, the people, on the whole, adopted the wiser course. It is not my intention to go into statistics to assist in forming an opinion, as it is unnecessary, but merely to invite you to take a general view of the two eras, and assuming that there is no difference in the aggregate expenses, which the reports show to be true, ask ourselves and our fellow-citizens if we find sufficient objection to the present municipal system to make us desire a return to the old forms of doing our voting in mass meetings, and trusting nearly all the executive business in the hands of three selectmen? It is not unusual to hear hasty expressions of desire in this direction; but on sober reflection, in view of the easy groove in which the city business is now run, and the many improvements visible in every department—the better financial system, the more intelligible records, and the closer supervision over our police and public works, our fire department, highways and cemeteries,—is it not true that, instead of falling away, the friends of the city charter have materially increased in numbers since it was adopted by so large a majority in 1874? These are the reflections

that first occur to me in addressing you at this time; and trusting that they may accord with your own feelings, and believing that you stand ready to so conduct the affairs of the city that the government shall suffer no loss in the public estimation, I will proceed to lay before you some of the matters of interest that will demand your attention the present year.

THE FINANCES

Of the city have been managed the past year by men who have been schooled in the business, with an honest purpose to serve the city's interest; and of course we shall find them in a healthy condition, and one easy to comprehend.

The payments for the year, exclusive of bonds paid, aggregate $78,340.21—against $82,480.68 the year before, and $90,056.86 in 1877.

On Dec. 1st, 1878, there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $35,377.03, and other cash assets amounting to $20,457.10. Total, $55,834.13.

Of these assets all are available. They include, however, $1,381.54 due from the Collector of Taxes for 1876, which ought to have been paid over, but has been neglected, and its immediate payment should be demanded by the Councils. The previous collectors have all fulfilled the demands of their warrants; and the two subsequent ones promise to do so in a brief time.

The indebtedness of the city is as follows:—

Water bonds, 6 per cent.,	$118,400
Water bonds, 5 per cent.,	35,000
	$153,400

These five per cent. bonds were created January 1st, 1879, when $35,800 of the old sixes became due and were paid. They run twenty years from their dates. There were also paid at the same time $3,000 of old town

bonds, which were the last of that class of the city's liabilities.

Of the six per cent. bonds $3,200 become due in July next, which you may conclude to pay up, thus making another reduction in the interest-bearing debt.

It will be seen by the above that there is a gradual reduction being made in our bonded debt, while at the same time the people have been less burdened with taxes. There is also a disposition to retrench in nearly all the departments of the public service, as will be seen by the following comparative table of certain payments for the past three years :

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Salaries and ordinary expenses,	$7,480 55	$7,623 28	$7,196 86
City Paupers,	2,217 00	1.835 34	2,421 75
County Paupers,	2,728 80	2,429 59	1,685 22
Highways and Bridges,	9,296 93	5,514 18	5,702 09
Fire Department,	3,033 45	2,029 85	1,652 21
Street Lamps,	1,772 00	1,634 71	1,400 50
Public Library,	881 26	368 44	649 68
Land Damage,	788 62	42 25	100 00
Schools,	15,525 89	14,852 45	13,908 19
Repairs Water Works,	1,043 57	903 50	856 80
Extension Water Works,	474 83		
Police Department,	2.238 87	2,128 69	1,215 34

As the last assessment ($10,200.00) for the high school building has been paid the past year, the citizens of Union district will be relieved from further taxation for that object, which will reduce their school tax so materially as to be a good cause for mutual congratulation.

You will observe that almost every department o the public service has been conducted the past year at a much reduced cost from former years ; and yet you will see by the Report (page 98) that the Committee on Finance, in their estimates for the ensuing year, are disposed to recommend still smaller appropriations. Can we follow their recommendations and do justice to the trust confided in us ? It will be for you to decide ; but with the general

advance in prices of almost everything, you must look upon it with doubt. Economy should not be lost sight of for a moment, but good managers are aware that in public affairs, as well as private, neglect to spend a little money at the proper time often necessitates the expenditure of a much larger sum in the end.

HIGHWAYS.

The expenses for the past year in repairing the highways, bridges and drains of the city, have amounted to $5,702.09. There was, December 1st, an unexpended balance of appropriations of $1,326.43, and the Superintendent thinks that the appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee for 1880 ($5,000) will be sufficient. The roads and streets have not suffered for want of attention to any great extent. There have been paid out $575 for damages that have occurred during the year—all just claims having been amicably settled.

There were no new roads made within the year, although three have been laid out,—one by the County Commissioners from the old Bridge place on Beaver Brook road West to William Wilder's; a short court from Washington avenue, and a street running East and North from Grove to Myrtle street. These will all have to be made the present year, and will become more or less public conveniences.

The only petition now pending is one for an improvement of the grade on the Concord road East of Miles Davis's. This remains for the consideration of the present Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and is a matter that calls for their best judgment.

In this matter of roads parsimony should be entirely lost sight of, as next to its institutions of learning the character of a place is judged by the care displayed in having good highways.

THE WATER WORKS

Appear to have been managed the past year in a way to make a better financial showing than in former years, and quite satisfactory to the patrons of the works as a whole. The Superintendent has seemed to understand his business in making all repairs economically and thoroughly, and makes a good showing for his industry in collecting the rates—having greatly improved upon his predecessors in the latter respect; and the wonder is how, for so small a salary, a person can afford to perform so much mechanical and clerical service, and at the same time furnish the use of an office and team with but a slight extra charge. When it is seen that the Superintendent is required to do this work for less than one-half the amount paid during the last year of the town government, it will be well for you to consider whether, in reducing the salary last year, a mistake was made that needs correction at your hands.

There have been no extensions of the main pipes the past year. The only one asked for was by the residents of George street, which was denied by the Board of Aldermen.

A loss of pressure has been perceptible of late by those who use the water for power, which puzzles the managers to account for, except on the theory that there is a leakage in the gate at Beech Hill reservoir.

The interest on the water bonds is yearly decreasing. The works will soon net an amount of income to meet the interest: and it will be your duty to require a friendly co-operation on the part of the Commissioners and Superintendent, in order to accomplish this in as brief a time as possible.

THE POLICE.

A reference to the reports of the City Marshal and Police Justice will show that labor in this department has been comparatively light the past year. The number of

arrests were, for 1878, 310; for 1879, 156. The number furnished food and lodgings at the station-house in 1878 was 913, while for the past year there are none reported. The few cases of want by this class have been supplied in other ways. This diminution from former years is attributable, first, to the "tramp law," and then, perhaps, to the fact that there has not been a day policeman on duty but a small part of the time during the past year. It will be with you to say whether this reduction in the service and expenses of the department shall continue—whether the day duty shall be left with the City Marshal and "Special" assistants as now, or whether a regular patrolman shall be employed. By the former method about six hundred dollars less expense is incurred, and the amount of appropriation ($1200) recommended by the Finance Committee will be sufficient; but if you return to the practice of employing regular patrolmen night and day, you must also increase the appropriation to pay them. The service has been very well performed during the most part of the last year on the reduced basis, and the same moral condition of the people continuing, you will, no doubt, feel that this retrenchment ought "to be continued" also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is very minute and interesting, and there are several points in it that demand your attention and perhaps your action. That what he says of the morale and discipline of the Department is true there is the best reason to believe; that both have been materially improved the past year there is no question; and too much praise cannot be given the Chief and his Assistants for the good results they have achieved in reforming and improving this important branch of our city service. Your attention is called to the request for new uniforms, etc., which will

not appear unreasonable when we consider the small amount recently expended outside the ordinary expenses of the Department.

The expenses of the Department for the past year were $1,652.20. There is a balance of $82.50, and the Chief asks for $1500 the present year for ordinary expenses, and $300 additional to improve Neptune hose house.

It is a relief to learn that the fire alarm on city hall is at last in a satisfactory condition.

THE LIBRARY.

The comprehensive and instructive report of the Trustees of the Public Library calls for the serious consideration of the Councils, as well as of the tax-payers and moral guardians of the city. The statement of their financial transactions must be satisfactory to you, while their endorsement of the services of the Librarian should be equally agreeable information; but when they announce that novels constitute seventy-one per cent. of the books taken from the library, it must be a surprise to you, as it is no doubt a regret to themselves. Those who establish this library, and the City Councils that accepted it from them, I am sure did not contemplate any such result of their liberality. They intended to supply a library, the first object of which should be to instruct and strengthen the understanding of the readers, with only enough of fiction to afford an occasional diversion. But this intention seems to have been reversed—fiction has become the rule and the reading of solid literature the exception. This is not, however, through a fault of the Library Trustees, and more is the pity, for in that case it could be easily remedied; but it arises from the prevailing frivolous taste prevalent in the community. Is there any way to regulate this taste in relation to our public library? If not, it may become a question as to the right to tax the people for so dear an amusement—many fearing that "public"

theatres and operas may be the next advance in this direction.

There was an effort recently made to pass through the Councils an amendment to the Library ordinance, so that the Librarian may be chosen by the Trustees instead of the Councils. It failed to pass, while it was generally conceded that the Trustees were good judges of the qualifications of that officer, and that their recommendations ought to be respectfully entertained. This matter may again require your action.

CLAIMS IN CONTROVERSY.

The present City Government, like those that have preceded it, will inherit certain claims against its treasury that, under certain circumstances, may become liabilities during our administration. These matters are all alluded to by the City Solicitor in his report.

First is the claim of Mr. Warren, which has been in controversy for several years, and which the Councils have been unable to settle, believing it excessive. He has finally entered a suit in court.

In the suits brought by Mr. Zimmerman, for injury alleged to have been received by his daughter from a defective bridge on Pearl street, damages to the amount of $15,000 are claimed. Immediately on notification of Miss Zimmerman's injury, the Mayor was authorized to negotiate a settlement, but while diligently pursuing this duty the young lady's condition became worse, and further overtures from the city were refused. She subsequently died, and two cases for damages were entered in court by her father.

And then there is the matter of the gratuity voted, with certain conditions, to the Manchester & Keene Railroad in 1874, amounting to about $130,000. On the 5th of December, 1878, a formal demand was made upon the City Government for the payment of this gratuity. The

Councils refused to comply with this demand, alleging that in their opinion "the road was not completed on the 1st of December, 1878, and that it is not now completed, and for this and other reasons, we must respectfully decline to grant this request for a gratuity." There the matter rested, and no further demand has been made upon the city, and there probably will be none until it can be authoritatively shown that all the conditions accompanying the vote of a gratuity have been complied with by the railroad corporation. Should this time come during our administration, the people of Keené will not hold us guiltless if we fail to fulfil promptly and fully the city's part of the contract. The joint resolution of 1874, granting this gratuity, is printed on page 61 of this year's Report.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The question of sewerage will again come before the Councils, as the Finance Committee recommend an appropriation of $1000 for sewers. The present drains need considerable work upon them, and can be made much more useful and healthy than at present. Let these be repaired thoroughly, and then where it is practicable other drains should be made in those places where the public welfare requires them. In appointing the Committee on Streets, Sewers and Drains, we should have in view the qualifications of the members for all parts of their duties. You will find much information in regard to what the city has to contend with relative to defective drainage by reading the report of the Board of Health.

It has been a continual complaint that the room used by the Common Council is inconveniently situated in relation to that of the other Board, and much too small for the comfort of so many persons. Now that one of the stores under the city hall is vacant, it would seem to be a good time to see if some rooms in the South part of the

building cannot be planned and appropriated for the use of the Common Council, and for other city uses.

The Overseers of the Poor have expended the past year,

For City Paupers,	$2,421 75
For County Paupers,	1,685 22
	$4,106 97

This is $57.86 less than the amount expended last year. The Overseers refer to the principal cause of this pauperism and desire us to remove it. They also complain of the insufficiency of their salaries, claiming that their "compensation is entirely inadequate to the service required."

The Committee who have charge of the City Pasture report the income at $153 00

Expense of clearing of brush, 92 46

$60 54

These extraordinary expenses will not occur again soon, and our "peculiar institution" will net a better income for a while, perhaps.

The Trustees of Woodland Cemetery, the City Clerk and City Messenger, each made a report acceptable to the Councils, which I will not weary your patience with further allusion to, as each is brief and comprehensive in itself.

The City Ordinances have lately been revised and put in a compact form, and printed, so that no one need be ignorant of the laws and regulations that govern the city. It is hoped that each of us will make them and the accompanying Rules of Order a close study. By the Ordinances the Councils can take their bearings, and by working closely by the Rules, our Clerks will be enabled to register our course and actions so accurately that no future controversy will arise in regard to either.

One thought in regard to the election of officers that is

entrusted to us: We should select these servants by the same rule adopted in private business—not from personal friendships, but because of their fitness for a certain place. And as experience accomplishes one in any service, as every business man knows, we are not doing justice to the city when we turn out an old officer, who has learned his business and proved himself competent, and put in his place a new one, who is untried and has everything to learn. As nearly your first duty will be to fill several offices that require a skill and accuracy only acquired by time and experience, I trust this reminder may receive the consideration it merits.

CONCLUSION.

And now, in entering upon the duties of the office which has been so kindly assigned me by the people of this city, allow me to express the gratitude that kindness has inspired; and a hope that the new government may meet the reasonable requirements of all. My limited knowledge of these duties will often expose me to error, and thus afford you an opportunity for fresh instances of generosity. But however erring, I am ready to assure you that the confidence reposed in me shall be returned by an earnest effort to aid every attempt of yours toward the prompt and faithful discharge of the duties which will devolve upon us, and rest my hopes of a pleasant official intercourse with you upon the conviction that while I do this I may ever depend upon your kind and indulgent co-operation.

At the close of the Mayor's address, on motion, the members of the City Government adjourned to meet in joint convention at 7:30 o'clock p. m., when L. C. Doolittle was elected City Clerk. Afterward the Council was organized by the choice of Dexter W. Gilbert, President, and James E. Parmenter, Clerk.

The Council then adjourned.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT,

1880.

MAYOR:

HORATIO KIMBALL.

ALDERMEN:

WARD 1.
Charles F. Wilson.

WARD 2.
Cyrus Piper.

WARD 3.
Jason French.

WARD 4.
Norris G. Gurnsey.

WARD 5—Edward B. Tarbell.

LUCIUS C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

COUNCILMEN:

DEXTER W. GILBERT, *President.*

WARD 1.
Hiram Blake,
James Spencer,
Milton M. Parks.

WARD 2.
Jerry P. Wellman,
James W. Russell,
Charles W. Buckminster.

WARD 3.
Albert O. Fiske,
George W. McDuffee,
James H. Fisher.

WARD 4.
Dexter W. Gilbert,
George H. Richards,
Charles W. Shedd.

WARD 5.
James H. Smith, Sylvanus A. Morse, Henry Couillard.

JAMES E. PARMENTER, *Clerk.*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman French, Councilmen Blake and Richards.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Gurnsey, Councilmen Richards and Shedd.

Bridges.—Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Morse and Spencer.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Wilson, Councilmen Smith and Fisher.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Gurnsey, Councilmen Richards and McDuffee.

Fire Department.—Alderman Tarbell, Councilmen Fiske and Parks.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Piper, Councilmen Couillard and Spencer.

Water Works.—Alderman French, Councilmen McDuffee and Smith.

Printing.—Alderman Tarbell, Councilmen Fiske and Shedd.

Schools.—Alderman Piper, Councilmen Buckminster and Blake.

Claims.—Alderman French, Councilmen Wellman and Russell.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Tarbell, Councilmen Fisher and Morse.

Public Library.—Alderman Piper, Councilmen Buckminster and Wellman.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Tarbell, Gurnsey and Piper.

Licenses.—Aldermen French, Tarbell and Guernsey.

Simmons and Ministerial Funds.—Aldermen Wilson, Piper and Gurnsey.

Police.—Aldermen Piper, French and Wilson.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Buckminster, McDuffee and Parks.

Elections.—Councilmen Fiske, Couillard and Russell.

CITY SOLICITOR:

John T. Abbott.

POLICE JUSTICE:

Edward Farrar.

CITY MESSENGER:

Edwin O. Keith.

ASSESSORS:

Daniel R. Cole, A. T. Wilder,
Sylvester Spaulding, Z. K. Graves,
Laton Martin.

COLLECTOR:

Shubael White.

CITY TREASURER:

Henry S. Martin.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WARD 1.
William L. Davis.

WARD 2.
George Kingsbury.

WARD 3.
Hiram Stowell.

WARD 4.
Shubael White.

WARD 5.
A. J. Aldrich.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS:

Clark F. Rowell, Julius N. Morse, John J. Holbrook.

CITY PHYSICIAN:

Gardner C. Hill.

SEXTON:

Philander Howland.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY:

Henry Purcell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS:

Daniel H. Sawyer.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:

John L. Butler.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

W. W. Hayward.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY:

D. W. Gilbert,
Wm. P. Chamberlain,
Charles H. Hersey,
Mrs. S. D. Osborne,
Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert,
Miss Katie I. Tilden.

LIBRARIAN:

Lizzie M. Converse.

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Edward Joslin, John Humphrey, Dan'l H. Holbrook.

CITY MARSHAL:

Jacob Staples.

CONSTABLE:

Edwin O. Keith.

NIGHT POLICE:

George H. Kellogg.

SPECIAL POLICE:

George H. Kellogg,
Frank C. Hardy,
Ralph J. Holt,
Frederick L. Pitcher,
Philander Howland,
William Reyoum,
E. Prescott Hardy,
E. O. Keith,
S. O. Gates,
Parker C. Butler,
Jacob Staples,
Jonas C. Rice,
James Bierne,
Michael Roach.

CHIEF ENGINEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Virgil A. Wright.

[For List of Members of Fire Department, see Report of Chief Engineer.]

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the City Councils in 1880.

CITY OF KEENE:

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Habitual Truants.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any child between the ages of six and sixteen years, without any regular and lawful occupation, who shall, except in case of ill health, habitually neglect to attend school, or become an habitual truant, upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars; and in default of payment thereof be committed to the Reform School till the same be paid, or he is otherwise discharged; or instead of such fine, he may be sentenced to said Reform School for a term not exceding one year.

SEC. 2. The City Marshal and Police of Keene shall be the truant officers of this city, whose duty it shall be to look after such truant children, and to report their names to the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools; and upon request of said Board or Superintendent to make complaint of such truants to the police court, and cause such complaint to be prosecuted and the penalty or punishment to be enforced.

SEC. 3. The persons so appointed shall receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the City Councils, and they shall present their claims for

such services in the same manner as is required of them after performing other police duty.

Passed March 12, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the Cemeteries of Keene.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Burial Grounds shall have the general care and superintendence of Woodland Cemetery, and all public cemeteries in the city of Keene. Said Committee shall have full power to direct the Superintendent in the discharge of all the duties of his office. They shall, with the Superintendent, appraise the lots in said Woodland Cemetery that are unsold, and have the price marked upon a plan that shall be kept in the custody of the Superintendent.

SEC. 2. All grades and improvements of avenues, pathways or grounds of said Cemetery shall be under the direction of the Committee and Superintendent, who shall also have power to enforce all the laws of the State in relation to cemeteries.

SEC. 3. In the month of January, annually, or whenever a vacancy shall occur, there shall be chosen by the City Councils, in convention, a Superintendent of Woodland and other public cemeteries, who, in addition to the duties before prescribed in this ordinance, shall have custody of the funds of said Woodland Cemetery; he shall keep the same deposited in one of the savings banks of the city, and have his bank book at all times ready for the inspection of the Mayor. He shall dispose of the vacant lots, at their appraisal, by deed signed by the Mayor under the corporate seal of the city; but in no instance shall possession or a deed of a lot be given until the whole amount of the appraisal is paid, or satisfactory security given for payment. If the payment is not made

within ninety days after the selection of a lot by a purchaser, the lot shall be subject to sale or re-appraisal as other unsold lots. He shall collect all bills due from the sale of lots, or otherwise, and deposit the proceeds with the general fund. He shall keep a faithful record of his doings, and an accurate account of all his receipts and disbursements, in a book kept by him for the purpose, which shall at all times be open for the inspection of the Mayor and City Councils; and shall at the end of the municipal year make a financial report to the Mayor and Aldermen. He shall see that Woodland Cemetery as well as other public cemeteries are kept properly inclosed, and in a neat and orderly condition. He shall pay out of the cemetery fund all bills for work or material for any improvement ordered by the Committee on Burial Grounds, and superintend and execute all things ordered by said Committee.

SEC. 4. The Superintendent shall furnish such bonds as the Mayor and Aldermen may direct, and for his services he shall receive the sum of fifty dollars per annum.

SEC. 5. The name "Woodland Cemetery" shall include and cover not only the cemetery known by that name, but also the land acquired by the city of the heirs of the late Thomas M. Edwards and of M. J. Sherman.

SEC. 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed March 12, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Streets and Sidewalks.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. That any and all persons who dig, or cause to be dug, trenches or holes in the streets or side-

walks of this city, for the purpose of laying or repairing any water or gas pipe, or for any purpose whatever, shall cause the same to be refilled at the earliest practicable time, and during this operation, employ sufficient force to tamp the earth thrown back, that little or no elevation be left where said trench or hole was dug, or depression occur, afterward.

SEC. 2. In case circumstances render it necessary that such places remain unfilled over night, the parties opening them shall place sufficient guards and lights about them each night they are so uncovered, as to secure the public from harm, and the City Marshal is hereby charged with the duty of seeing that the provisions of this ordinance are complied with.

Passed May 6, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Building and Fire Precinct.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. No person shall hereafter erect, or cause to be erected, move or cause to be moved, enlarge or cause to be enlarged, any wooden building, or set up or cause to be set up, or used, any steam engine in any building within the limits of the city, mentioned in the second section of this chapter, without consent of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, to be first had and obtained after hearing of all parties in interest, duly notified by public notice posted at the door of the city hall building, at least seven days before the day of hearing, and by further notice given to or left at the last and usual place of abode of the owner or occupants of the land adjoining the premises, where license is asked under this chapter.

SEC. 2. The limits of the fire precinct hereby constituted shall be as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Cheshire Railroad freight house; thence Northerly to and on West line of Depot street to West street; thence on East line of land of Mrs. C. L. Kingsbury to Winter street, and on West line of Middle street to Summer street; thence Easterly on Summer street to Court street, and Southerly on East line of Court street to Vernon street; thence Easterly on North line of Vernon street to Washington street, and on South line of Spring street to Northeast corner of W. O. White's land; thence Southerly on East line of said White's land to Southeast corner of same; thence Westerly on line of said White's land to Northwest corner of Mrs. T. M. Edwards' land, and South from said corner on West line of said Edwards' land to Roxbury street; thence Easterly on South line of Roxbury street to Renouf street, and Southerly on West line of Renouf street to Church street, and on East line of 93d street to South line of Railroad street; thence Westerly on said line of said Railroad street to Main street, and Westerly from said Main street to the point of beginning.

Passed May 13, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE relating to pay of Firemen, &c.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

SECTION 1. The foremen of the several fire companies of the city of Keene, shall at the expiration of each quarter, report to the City Clerk the number of men who have been active members of their companies for the quarter preceding the date of their report, and if any men have joined the companies or been discharged during the quarter, the foremen shall report the date of their election as

members, or discharge, and shall make oath before the City Clerk to the correctness of their report.

SEC. 2. The members of the fire companies shall receive for their services the sum of twelve dollars per year in addition to the amount allowed by law; but no member shall receive pay unless he shall perform his duties in a manner satisfactory to the officers of his company, and respond to all calls that are made upon him, or give satisfactory excuse for absence.

SEC. 3. In computing the pay of members, the foremen of the several companies shall report the number of months that the men have been active members of their companies. A half month shall entitle the member to a full month's pay. For less than half a month the member shall not be entitled to pay, and each member shall draw pay only for the actual time he has been a member of a company, computed as above.

SEC. 4. The City Clerk shall have printed, and furnish to the foreman of each company, proper blanks for their quarterly reports and pay rolls.

SEC. 5. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, or joint resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This ordinance to take effect from April 1st, 1880.

Passed May 20, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION appropriating money for the ensuing year.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the following sums of money be raised by taxation, and appropriated as follows:—

For Highways and Bridges,	$5,000
For Ordinary City Charges,	7,000
For Fire Department,	1,500
For City Paupers,	1,500
For Interest on Water Loan,	2,500
For Public Library,	500
For Lighting Street Lamps,	1,400
For Police,	1,000
For Memorial Day,	100
For Support of Library,	200
For Sewerage,	500
Total,	$21,200

A JOINT RESOLUTION Amending Section 4, Chap. 12 of General Ordinances.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the 3d line of Section 4, Chapter 12 of General Ordinances, after the words "sum of" be amended by substituting the word "Fifty" Dollars, instead of Two Hundred.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Change of Council Room, etc.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whereas there is a necessity of more office room for city officers, and a better and more convenient room for the Common Council to hold their meetings, and as it appears that such a room can be had by taking the store now occupied by Messrs. Wadsworth & Co., therefore be it

Resolved, that the Joint Standing Committee on Lands

and Buildings be instructed to examine the said store, and see what arrangements can be made with the said Wadsworths to occupy the store next North, also to ascertain as far as possible the cost of fitting up the said store room for the Mayor and Aldermen's Room, and City Clerk's office and Common Council room, and report at next meeting of the Councils.

Passed February 5, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Lighting Street Lamps.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be instructed to offer the Keene Gas Light Company thirteen hundred dollars ($1300) for lighting the lamps for the ensuing year, from January 1, 1880.

Passed February 5, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Appropriating Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of three hundred and sixty dollars ($360) be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the plans proposed by the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings, for altering the rooms for the use of the City Councils.

Passed March 12, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Pay of Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of fifteen dollars ($15.00) be paid to each member of the Board of Education of Union District, and fifty dollars ($50.00) to the Superintendent of Schools for services during the year ending March, 1880, and that the same be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 5, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of the Universalist Society.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That we hereby extend our thanks to the Universalist Society, who were using the city hall on the night of the fire, March 24, for their kindness in so liberally furnishing our firemen with coffee and other refreshments, and request that the City Messenger make no charge to the said Society for the use of said hall at that time.

Passed April 1, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a committee of three be appointed by His Honor the Mayor and the President of the Council, to take into consideration the matter of an enlargement and improvement of City Hall, and report the result of their investigations at as early a date as practicable.

Passed April 1, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Steam Fire Engine.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a committee of three be appointed by His Honor the Mayor and the President of the Council, to consider the matter of the purchase of a steam fire engine with the necessary appurtenances; to ascertain, as far as they may be able, the comparative merits and cost of those made by the most reliable manufacturers, together with such other information as may be desirable, and report to the Councils at as early a date as practicable.

Passed April 1, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION of Thanks to the Fire Department, etc.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the thanks of the City of Keene are tendered the fire department of the city for their able and judicious management during the recent fire, whereby almost the entire business part of the city, as well as much valuable private property, was saved from destruction. Also that the thanks of the city are tendered City Marshal Babbitt and officers Kellogg, Roach and Staples of the police force for their efficient services during the fire.

Passed April 1, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of J. H. Silliman & Company.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

Whereas, the firm of J. H. Silliman & Company, com-

posed of J. H. Silliman, Henry Colony and others, residents of said Keene, have represented to the Board that said company propose to establish the manufacture of boots and shoes in the factory on Leverett street, known as the Ashuelot Boot and Shoe Shop, and whereas divers citizens of this city have petitioned that in case such manufacture is established at the factory aforesaid, the land, buildings, machinery and other personal property, and stock in trade or material used in said manufacture at the factory aforesaid, be exempt from all taxes for the term of five years, or for such time less than five years as said business shall continue,—

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that in case the said J. H. Silliman & Company, their representatives or assigns, within one year hereafter, shall establish the manufacture of boots and shoes at the factory aforesaid, said building, or such buildings as said company may hereafter erect for such manufacture, the machinery or other personal property, together with the capital, stock in trade, or the material used in such manufacture, and the land on which said building or buildings shall stand, or shall occupy, shall be and are hereby made free and exempt from all taxes for the term of five years from and after such manufacture be begun, and at least forty persons be employed in said manufacture: provided, however, that if at any time during said term of five years, said business shall be discontinued, said exemption shall thereupon cease.

Passed May 6, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the Purchase of Furniture, etc.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate relating to furniture for the room being furnished for the Common Council, are hereby appointed, in connection with one member to be appointed by His Honor the Mayor from the Board of Aldermen, to obtain furniture for said room in accordance with the report of committee submitted May 20, 1880.

Passed May 20, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for Extension of Water Works.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of twenty-one hundred dollars ($2100) be appropriated for the extension of water works on Marlboro' street, and that the said sum be taken from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 3, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for Extension of Water Works.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) be appropriated for the purpose of extending the Water Works on Railroad Square, in accordance with the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Water Works, on petition of S. K. Stone and others.

Passed June 8, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for Furniture.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five dollars ($175) be drawn from any funds in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the new rooms to be occupied by the Mayor and Aldermen, City Clerk and Common Council.

Passed June 17, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the report of the Joint Special Committee be accepted and adopted as made by the chairman. And we hereby appoint the said committee on city hall, with the addition of His Honor the Mayor, as a Building Committee to carry out plans and specifications as presented by said committee. And that the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) be appropriated therefor from any money not otherwise appropriated in the treasury.

Passed July 15, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Appropriating Money for Ordinary City Charges.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That a further sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000) be appropriated for ordinary city charges out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed August 6, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the Purchase of Land and Removal of Buildings.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings are hereby authorized to purchase the first lot East of the Baptist church, fifty-two feet in width, on Vernon street, and eighty-six feet in depth, and belonging to Hon. Reuben Stewart, at a price not exceeding six hundred dollars ($600); and remove thereon the engine-house in the rear of city hall, and the expense of said purchase and removal be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed August 6, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Building Committee who have in charge the alteration of the city hall building be authorized to so alter the plans and specifications as not to remove the South wall of the building, but bring the gallery room all inside the present hall, if in their judgment such an alteration would be by them considered advisable, and they can make satisfactory terms with the contractors to make the change; also, by the addition of pilasters, if in their judgment they are needed to give additional support for the roof.

Passed August 16, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION Amending a Joint Resolution relating to City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Resolution relating to city hall be amended by striking out in the seventh and eighth lines all after the word "presented," and inserting in lieu therefor the words "by said committee," and by adding in the ninth line after the word "appropriated" the word "therefor."

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Will of Mrs. Sarah K. Hibbard.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That whereas Mrs. Sarah K. Hibbard, a native of the city of Keene, in the State of New Hampshire, but late of the town of Bath, in the County of Grafton, in said State of New Hampshire, deceased, did, by her last will and testament, dated on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1872, and duly proved and allowed on the twenty-first day of October, A. D. 1879, and recorded in the Probate Court in and for said County of Grafton, give to said city of Keene a legacy of one thousand dollars ($1,000), upon the terms, conditions and trusts, and in and by the words following, namely:

"Fourth,—I give and bequeath to the town of Keene, in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) to have and to hold in trust; nevertheless, for the uses and purposes following, that is to say, the yearly interest and income, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used and appropriated by said town to and for the maintenance, care and preservation of the lot in the cemetery, in said Keene, wherein are buried my father Salma Hale, my

mother Sarah K. Hale, my brother William Hale, my uncle Thomas F. King, and my three infant children,—the said lot and the stones and monuments to be kept and maintained and repaired and renewed in the same manner, in all respects, as specified in the item herein next preceding,—and the remainder of said yearly interest and income, if any there be after the full and complete performance of said trusts, shall be appropriated to the use and support of the common schools in said town of Keene."

And, whereas the manner referred to above in said legacy as "specified in the item herein next preceding," was specified in said item in the words following, namely:

"The said lot to be kept at all times free from weeds, the grass closely shaven, the stones and monuments clear and free from moss, and in case they or any of them become injured, defaced, decayed or destroyed, to be repaired or renewed, as may be necessary, and in case of renewal both the stones and any inscriptions thereon to be in all respects the same as they shall be found to be at the time of my decease. Any stone or monument which may be placed therein to my memory after my decease, to be maintained, preserved and renewed in like manner—both the stone and inscriptions thereon, in case of renewal, to be the same, in all respects, as the original."

Now, then, Voted—That the city of Keene hereby accepts said legacy of the said Sarah K. Hibbard upon the terms and conditions and trusts therein and above stated.

Voted—That the City Clerk send, or cause to be sent, a certified copy of this vote to George S. Hale, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, Executor of said Will of said Sarah K. Hibbard.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Heating City Hall Building.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be hereby instructed to inquire carefully into the subject of heating the city hall building by steam; and to take into consideration the cost of fixtures, wants of tenants and others; also, the time required for putting in the same; and that the said committee be instructed to report to the City Councils the result of their investigations as soon as possible.

Passed September 21, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lamps.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be authorized to purchase a number not exceeding ten lamp posts and lanterns of the U. S. Gasoline Company as per terms heretofore named. And that said committee cause the same to be erected in such places as may be designated by joint resolutions of the City Councils, and make contract with said Gasoline Company for lighting the same until January 1, 1881. And that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for the payment thereof.

Passed September 21, 1880.

AN ORDINANCE relating to Peddlers and others.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

No person not a resident of this city, of whom a license is required, shall offer goods for sale, by auction or other-

wise, in any street or public square of the city of Keene, without a written permit from the Mayor; and any person guilty of a violation of this ordinance, shall be fined not less than five dollars ($5.00) for each offence; and the City Marshal is hereby instructed to enforce its provisions, which are to take effect from its passage.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Street Lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be and are hereby authorized and instructed to erect, or cause to be erected, posts and lanterns for the purpose of street lighting, at such points and on such streets as said committee have reported in favor of having such street lights established, viz: one at the corner of Cross and Elm streets, one on Spring street opposite Taylor street, and one on Dunbar street, and one at the corner of Middle and Centre streets, and Emerald and Adams and Water and Water court; cause the same to be lighted with gasoline, agreeably to contract with United States Street Lighting Company; and also to cause any other street lights now burning kerosene or other oil to be lit with the same, as per contract dated Sept. 10, 1880, and running from October 1 to January 1, 1881.

Passed October 7, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Gratuity of the Manchester and Keene Railroad.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That we deny the liability of the city to pay the gratuity recently demanded by the Manchester and Keene

railroad corporation and its assignees, and therefore respectfully decline to comply with said demand.

That we also decline to accept the invitation of said company and its assignees, to inspect said railroad.

That the Mayor be requested to answer said demand by sending a copy of this resolution to the attorneys of said railroad company and its assignees.

Passed October 7, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Appropriating Money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the further sums of one thousand dollars ($1000) be appropriated for the Fire Department, and five hundred dollars ($500) for the Police Department, from any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed November 4, 1880.

A JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the acceptance and care of Legacy of Charles S. Faulkner.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That whereas the trustees under the will of the late Charles Stearns Faulkner have notified the city of Keene that the said will contains the following article, to wit:

"Article 7. Wishing to cultivate pleasant memories of the place where the remains of many dear to me are to rest, and to do something for its adornment, I give and bequeath to my said three trustees particularly named hereinafter, and to their successors, the sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars ($2,500), in trust, that they

will securely invest the same and keep the same invested, and pay over yearly the income derived therefrom to the Superintendent or other person having charge of the Woodland Cemetery in Keene, to be expended under the direction of such person in ornamenting and improving the cemetery, its walks, drives, or shrubbery; no portion of said income to be used in the purchase of additional land. The trustees may, at their discretion, pay over to the city of Keene the said sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) when said city, by its proper authorities, shall vote to accept the trust herein expressed, and act as trustee of said fund," and

Whereas said trustees have notified said city of their election and readiness to pay over to the city of Keene the said sum of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) when said city by its councils shall vote to accept the trust expressed in said article and act as trustee of said fund; therefore,

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, That the said city hereby accepts the legacy bequeathed by the foregoing articles of said will, upon the trusts therein expressed, and consents to act as trustee of said fund.

Resolved, That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for said fund, and together with the Joint Standing Committee on Burial Grounds, shall safely invest the same in United States, State, County, City or Town securities, and shall deposit said securities with the City Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of said securities, and shall keep them deposited in some bank or safety deposit vault. He shall collect the income thereof, and annually pay the same over to the Superintendent of said Cemetery, or other person having the charge thereof, and take his receipt therefor. Said Su-

perintendent shall deposit the same in one of the savings banks of Keene, and expend it in accordance with the provisions of said Will.

Passed November 18, 1880.

H. KIMBALL, *Mayor.*
D. W. GILBERT,
President Common Council.

A true copy,—Attest:
L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1879, to December 1, 1880, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

G. F. Starkweather, insurance hall,	$125 00
L. Martin, Assessor, and horse hire,	121 00
George Kingsbury, " 1879,	8 00
Z. K. Graves, " 1879 and 1880,	120 75
A. T. Wilder, " " "	119 50
S. Spaulding, " 1880,	160 55
M. Bates, witness Wilder road,	1 90
J. J. Isham, " " "	2 91
C. N. Wilder, wood,	6 12
A. D. Hammond, witness Wilder road,	1 25
E. Farrar, salary Police Justice,	100 00
J. F. Emmons, Supervisor,	6 00
L. R. Guillow, witness Wilder road,	3 39
J. W. Babbitt, Moderator, and fees,	27 87
A. Nims, Clerk, ward 1,	5 00
J. A. Batchelder, Selectman, ward 1,	5 00
R. Freeman, " " "	5 00
F. A. White, " " "	5 00

J. A. Wellman, Selectman, ward 2,	$5 00
C. E. Watkins, " " "	5 00
F. E. Foster, " " "	5 00
J. W. Russell, Clerk, " "	5 00
C. W. Buckminster, Moderator, ward 2,	2 00
W. P. Chamberlain, " " 3,	2 00
E. Ayer, Selectman, " "	5 00
C. Holton, " " " ½ year,	2 00
A. A. Woodward, Clerk Ward 3,	5 00
D. A. Brown, Selectman " 4,	5 00
R. C. Ross. " " 4,	5 00
J. D. Stevens, " " 4,	5 00
J. E. Parmenter, Clerk " 4,	5 00
W. S. Briggs, Moderator " 4, &c.,	5 42
W. L. Martin, Selectman " 5,	5 00
J. Ahern, " " 5.	5 00
F. W. Aldrich, " " 5.	5 00
L. W. Chesley, Clerk " 5,	5 00
S. A. Morse, Moderator " 5,	2 00
R. Stewart, salary as Mayor, 1879, 3 months.	50 00
H. Kimball, salary &c., as Mayor, 1880, 9 months,	151 10
L. C. Doolittle, salary as City Clerk, and Records.	455 42
E. O. Keith, salary City Messenger, and wk. on hall,	238 71
J. E. Parmenter, salary Clerk Council,	50 00
J. T. Abbott, salary Solicitor, and expenses to U. S. Court, etc.,	74 66
George Holmes, Health Commissioner, 1879,	10 00
M. H. Edwards, rent of land,	40 00
K. Nichols, witness fee Wilder road,	2 02
J. H. Leach, Health Commissioner,	20 00
Daniel R. Cole, Supervisor and Assessor,	104 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., rent land, and freight,	30 65
P. Howland, trucking,	12 40
J. B. Hyland, lighting lamps at bridge, &c.,	17 90
H. P. Muchmore, Supervisor, and use of room,	26 46
J. J. Holbrook, surveying,	28 23
S. Wadsworth & Co., repairing clock,	75
Keene Gas Co., gas,	230 25

Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	$596 10
Mrs. L. M. Converse, salary as Librarian,	300 00
D. Russell, use of team,	2 50
H. S. Martin, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
W. B. Allen, printing,	21 25
D. K. Healey, fees,	2 00
G. F. Sanborn, repairing mower, etc.,	50
Jesse Dart, witness,	2 74
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	90 36
J. A. Wright, use of ward room,	5 00
H. Stowell, overpaid tax,	89 87
S. Hardy, fees,	1 85
Major White, overpaid tax,	5 43
A. Smith, postage,	1 85
J. S. Taft & Co., cuspadores,	10 50
W. H. Spalter & Co., books and stationery,	47 85
Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Supt. Schools,	50 00
C. A. Jones, overpaid tax,	6 59
Board of Education,	135 00
Kirk & Sewall, change in stove,	10 00
W. Wood, making keys,	1 25
E. W. Gustine, crockery, etc., for hall,	3 05
Whittemore & Co., printing,	5 25
Don H. Woodward, fees on Warren case,	24 48
E. L. Cushing, for Zimmerman, damage,	3,000 00
Keene Five Cents Sav. Bank, overpaid tax,	358 64
Cheshire Prov. Inst., overpaid tax,	85 40
W. & T. J. French, oil, etc., for street lamps,	4 22
Davis, Wright & Co., work on stoves, etc.,	14 43
W. R. Dunham, report of births and deaths,	2 25
Hersey & Abbott, fees,	25 65
Keene Water Works, use of water in hall building,	44 00
J. G. Warren, rent library room,	137 00
G. W. Flagg, report of births and deaths,	3 95
Sprague Brothers, food for prisoners under arrest,	2 50
S. O. Gates, salary as Tax Collector,	350 00
County Commissioners, use court house, 2 years,	50 00
Gilman Marston, fees on M. & K. R. R.,	40 00

L. W. Slade, damage to horse and carriage,	$12 00
E. A. & W. Metcalf, overpaid tax,	3 85
G. W. Todd, team,	1 00
G. K. Wright, wood,	6 87
A. Clark, work on cellar under office,	2 00
Wm. Clapp. painting,	2 50
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,	99 11
Jackson & Hayward, hardware,	82
Nims, Whitney & Co., work on sash, etc.,	2 10
D. M. Nichols, screens, etc.,	5 50
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	11 74
J. & F. French, painting hearse,	7 50
D. A. Newton, painting blinds,	4 02
G. Taintor, bounty,	1 20
E. O. Keith, work on hall,	6 00
M. Carroll, cementing cellar,	4 05
C. Patten, work in cellar,	1 88
F. Bates, " "	1 50
G. A. Torrey, fees,	40 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, fees,	26 00
J. Newell, work on engine house,	9 50
M. Pond, bounty,	20
Spencer & Co., hardware,	98
E. Ball, bounty,	20
J. Staples, care park,	12 00
C. F. Nims, bounty,	20
A. L. Harkness, painting sign,	3 00
A. F. Foster, work on cemetery,	5 00
H. Foster, salary Health Commissioner,	20 00
D. W. Mears, cutting wood,	2 00
P. O'Leary, work cleaning engine house,	2 50
Telegraph company,	49
C. Piper, expense at Greenfield, &c.,	3 00
J. H. Fisher, " "	3 00
H. Blake, " "	6 91
E. Boyden & Son, plans, &c.,	150 00
O. P. Applin, work on wash-bowl,	1 00
C. A. Hyland, lighting lamps,	2 28

A. T. Stearns,	$3 00
N. G. Woodbury & Co., chairs,	9 95
A. H. Grimes, plastering store, &c..	2 37
M. T. Tottingham, painting,	6 90
	$8,713 84
Land damage and City Pasture (see Report),	443 65
	$9,157 49

Balance Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 1,122 32
Amount appropriated 1880,	10,000 00
	$11,122 32

CITY PAUPERS.

W. L. Davis, salary Overseer Poor, ward 1,	$20 00
C. Piper, " " " " 2,	20 00
H. Stowell, " " " " 3,	20 00
S. White, " " " " 4,	20 00
A. J. Aldrich, " " " " 5,	20 00
J. Holmes Leach, salary City Physician,	50 00
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	84 28
A. J. Burnham, support of Mrs. Wilson,	40 58
G. H. Nims, wood,	20 25
W. B. Fitch, "	45 99
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	66 00
A. Houghton, support of Mrs. Foster,	70 00
F. O. Quinn, " Mrs. McClear,	61 00
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	5 69
C. W. Buckminster, wood,	4 50
A. Cameron, sawing wood,	1 25
C. Piper, expenses,	50
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing,	17 30
S. Spaulding, shoes,	7 85
N. G. Woodbury & Co., coffin,	21 50
F. O. Nims, rent,	7 00
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	67 86
George K. Harvey, wood,	6 25

A. H. Hamblett, board of Conlin,	$32 00
H. Giffin, coal,	30 14
W. L. Davis, wood,	50
E. W. Gustine, shoes,	8 60
Boston Branch Store, groceries,	37 33
C. Giffin, meat.	2 50
Charles Ellis, support of J. Ellis,	14 16
W. H. Spalter & Co., books for poor children,	201 98
N. H. Asylum, keeping insane,	578 99
Daniel Wright, wood,	5 50
State Reform School, board and care,	391 90
S. Babcock, fish,	2 34
G. A. Kingman, board, etc..	5 00
M. Beauregard, "	4 00
J. M. Farnum, groceries,	51 32
Charles Ellis, wood,	4 34
E. P. Hatch, wood,	6 89
W. O. Willson, shoes,	6 85
George E. Newman, wood,	7 50
M. A. Crouch, assistance,	39 70
C. A. Britton, sawing wood,	4 85
George E. Holbrook, groceries,	58 00
G. W. Bradford, meat,	1 02
Ball, Perry & Co., clothing,	12 75
E. J. C. Gilbert, book,	1 00
G. C. Hill, salary City Physician,	37 50
A. E. Metcalf, wood,	6 00
C. H. Blake, "	4 50
P. Howland, trucking,	2 00
Barney Gilbo, sawing wood,	1 75
M. Ellis, rent of land,	16 67
County of Cheshire, board of Perry at Farm,	48 00
C. Bridgman, groceries,	28 85
J. Wright, sawing wood,	1 33
A. J. Aldrich, wood for Murry,	3 75
J. Ellis, assistance,	21 00
H. Joslin, wood,	3 00
W. R. Dunham, medical fees,	2 00

A. S. Carpenter, medical fees,	$2 00
F. E. Keyes, groceries,	18 75
Mrs. Casey, board,	21 35
G. H. Tilden & Co., books for paupers,	32 39
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	30 13
J. B. Fisher, shoes,	1 00
A. E. Flagg, milk,	78
Mrs. J. C. Rice, care and board,	17 00
J. Staples, expense to Asylum,	16 25
T. B. Kittredge, medical fees,	2 00
Town of Winchester, board and care,	361 35
G. Kingsbury, expense to Winchester,	2 20
L. W. Wright, shoes,	3 00
A. Clark, sawing wood,	1 00
W. W. Mason, wood,	3 00
A. Giffin, wood,	13 00
A. Richardson, board and care,	17 00
Mrs. J. Jolly, "	8 00
Davis, Wright & Co., wood,	1 83
S. C. Howard & Co., shoes,	10 55
J. Thurston,	50
C. H. Stanford, wood,	3 00
G. C. Hill, medical fees,	4 00
Ball, Perry & Co., clothing,	75
George Damon, wood,	1 00
	$2,934 64

COUNTY PAUPERS.

P. Howland, moving goods,	$ 1 35
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	20 15
A. J. Aldrich, railroad fare,	40
W. O. Willson, shoes,	4 60
G. E. Holbrook, groceries,	37 42
A. E. Flagg, milk,	9 13
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on goods,	1 50
W. B. Fitch, wood,	19 28
W. & T. J. French, groceries,	28 04

Wm. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	$4 70
Contingent fund, railroad fares,	47 78
A. A. Davis, wood,	4 62
C. Piper, expense to Farm,	3 00
M. McLaughlin, support son,	52 04
J. Staples, expense to Farm,	8 75
R. P. Leonard, support brother,	65 39
F. C. Hardy, dry goods,	1 39
J. R. Beal & Co., clothing,	36 56
S. Snow, assistance,	48 20
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	62 06
A. H. Kingman, board and care,	10 00
O. J. Howard, board and care Mrs. Sawin,	78 37
E. B. Mason, wood,	5 63
H. Giffin, coal,	10 90
E. W. Gustine, shoes,	8 75
Boston Branch Store, groceries,	20 57
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing,	3 50
C. Giffin, meat,	5 56
N. H. Asylum, board and care,	516 59
S. Babcock, fish,	2 34
L. M. Carpenter, wood,	5 50
G. W. Bradford, meat,	1 44
S. Spaulding, shoes,	1 25
G. H. Nims, wood,	20 00
E. R. Locke, food for transients,	1 50
Amos Stoddard, wood,	4 50
J. M. Farnum, groceries,	40 68
H. B. Britton, wood,	4 77
Wyman, Nims & Co., meat,	1 00
Cheshire Prov. Inst., rent,	4 00
A. E. Metcalf, wood,	3 75
Mrs. J. Chambers, rent,	52 00
George L. Britton, wood,	4 50
F. G. Gibson, wood,	5 25
G. K. Wright, wood,	5 25
A. H. Hamblett, board Conlin,	16 96
F. O. Nims, rent,	19 30

L. Wright, shoes,		$3 10
C. Bridgman, groceries,		18 49
J. B. Fisher, shoes,		1 50
Faulkner & Colony, rent,		55 35
C. Cummings & Son, shoes,		3 68
Ball, Perry & Co., clothing,		21 50
P. Lynch, sawing wood,		3 00
J. W. Babbitt, expenses to Concord,		20 25
G. B. Twitchell, medical fees,		22 00
L. Richards, board and care,		22 50
D. M. Nichols, wood,		1 75
J. H. Leach, medical fees,		2 00
C. A. Britton, sawing wood,		1 50
R. Griffith, trucking,		2 00
S. White, expenses to Asylum,		29 25
M. V. B. Clark & Co., groceries,		14 12
Reform School, board and care,		19 50
A. Holt, assistance,		16 00
Davis, Wright & Co., wood,		4 13
J. Ahern, board Mrs. Lynch,		14 00
F. E. Keyes, groceries,		17 02
Chase & Richards, clothing,		3 50
H. H. Read, wood,		5 25
S. L. Newton, meat,		1 10
Keene Chair Co., wood,		3 50
County Paupers,		$1,655 32
City Paupers,		2,934 64
		$4,589 96
Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$2,320 93	
Amount appropriated, 1880,	1,500 00	
Received from County,	1,681 84	
		$5,502 77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

C. A. Grimes, work on highway in 1879,	$3 50
A. J. Williams, " " "	8 25
A. A. Edson, " " "	2 05
D. O'Keefe, " " "	8 15
Miles Davis, " " 1879 and '80,	99 85
Thomas Grimes, " " "	13 75
C. N. Wilder, salary and pay roll, "	320 53
L. Martin, work on sidewalk, 1879 and '80,	7 00
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber, etc., "	2 67
H. O. Esty, work on highway, "	30 00
Enos Bigelow, " " "	5 00
Spencer & Freeman, blacksmith work, 1879,	3 35
N. O. Hayward, lumber in 1879,	105 00
E. Hadley, work on highway,	1 50
C. Eveleth, " " 1879 and '80,	53 01
Charles Wright, work on highway in 1879,	17 50
F. E. Keyes, powder, 1879,	3 10
P. Howland, work on streets,	32 30
L. Bridge, work on highway,	59 75
F. Beliveau, " "	1 10
H. E. Nims, " "	12 49
Faulkner & Colony, lumber, 1879,	27 32
F. W. Nims, work on highway in 1879,	79 50
P. McGee, " " "	13 75
W. W. Stone, " " "	2 25
C. Benton, " snowing bridge,	1 25
S. O. Gates, plowing out streets,	9 50
M. Giffin, work on highway,	11 40
J. Drury, " "	4 25
Daniel Darling, " "	9 75
C. M. Foster, " "	2 90
T. & H. A. Barrett, plowing sidewalk,	5 92
R. S. Graves, work on highway,	10 00
J. L. Butler, salary Supt. High. and Bridges 9 mos.,	412 50
" pay rolls on highways,	3,106 55
L. Holmes, plowing sidewalk,	4 57
O. D. Pratt, " "	10 20

William Dickinson, sand,	$77 80
R. H. Holman, work on highway,	6 90
H. Carroll, " "	2 00
F. E. Foster, gravel,	72 42
George H. Nims, work on highway,	31 75
Robert Doyle, " "	6 80
George W. Taft, road scraper,	75 00
F. O. Wright, work on highway,	24 25
M. C. Ellis, " "	54 21
Charles Abbott, " "	78 37
I. Curtis, " "	98 03
M. S. Buckminster, " "	4 19
S. C. Ellis, " "	34 97
D. B. Stearns, " "	24 75
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	19 43
P. C. Butler, work on highway,	4 56
D. W. Tenney, lumber,	15 64
A. H. Hamblett, work on road,	38 60
George Kingsbury, lumber,	144 85
C. W. Heaton, work highway,	5 50
C. Randall, work highway,	32 50
A. J. Mann, stone,	114 37
Daniel A. Brown, work highway,	95 70
F. O. Nims, "	13 31
Spencer & Co., hardware,	12 60
W. H. Brooks, blacksmithing,	13 62
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder. etc.,	9 85
Y. Jones, blacksmithing,	2 50
Geo. K. Wright, work road,	105 59
E. D. Houghton, "	35 72
N. O. Hayward, lumber,	43 90
C. W. Wyman, work road,	5 00
A. G. Nims, "	5 00
Jackson & Hayward, hardware, etc.,	2 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., sand,	6 78
Wm. B. Read, work highway,	4 98
Abel Blake, "	3 80
Cheshire Prov. Inst. sand,	3 30

Geo. K. Wright, building Wilder road,		$331 36
W. A. Wilder, " "		125 00
S. W. Dart, lumber "		7 51
		$6,297 69
Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$1,326 69	
Amount appropriated, 1880,	5,000 00	
		$6,326 69

SEWERS.

J. L. Butler, pay roll for work,	$196 55
Spencer & Co., cement,	7 00
G. H. Nims, lumber,	21 86
Hope Steam Mills, lumber,	28 06
Geo. E. Newman, "	103 13
H. H. Haines, work on drains,	2 50
N. O. Hayward, lumber,	43 79
Hope Steam Mills, "	23 62
J. Adams, "	9 64
	$436 15

Amount appropriated, $500.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

V. A. Wright, salary as Chief Engineer,	$30 00
F. A. White, Assistant Engineer, etc.,	31 00
J. A. Batchelder, " "	31 00
Charles Abbott, Assistant Engineer,	25 00
H. H. Barker, " "	25 00
G. L. Whitney, " "	25 00
E. Symonds, " " etc.,	35 00
L. Martin, team,	12 50
Humphrey Machine Co., work and material,	44 27
A. Kingsbury, painting, etc.,	1 40
J. F. Gallagher, steward,	4 50
E. Davis, painting,	1 90
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	1 30
J. A. Riley, steward,	13 82

Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	$26 65
W. B. Fitch, wood,	24 08
C. N. Tottingham, painting, etc.,	90 50
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	6 75
E. W. Gustine, work on hose,	1 00
N. Denio, " "	3 65
J. W. Cummings, iron work,	2 25
Geo. L. Starkey, steward, etc.,	25 00
W. & T. J. French, crackers, etc.,	23 62
Davis, Wright & Co., work and material,	52 25
C. E. Harrington, steward,	15 00
J. Kingsbury, work on hydrant,	20 75
W. C. Cleary, steward,	6 25
O. W. Kingsbury, use of horse,	2 00
W. E. Stevenson, steward,	15 00
L. E. Joslin, use of horse,	2 00
Bullard & Foster, oil and acids,	2 40
A. J. Williams, use of horse,	50
H. Joslin, "	3 00
H. A. Woodbury, "	2 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books, etc.,	5 21
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	9 91
F. E. Wheelock, fireman,	5 00
H. H. Ashcroft, work at fire,	6 25
Neptune Hose Co., pants,	70 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on hose,	2 51
Sprague Brothers, lunch Deluge Co.,	2 65
Hunneman & Co., hose and gates,	607 70
Spencer & Co., hardware,	30
R. Ray, blacksmithing,	1 75
Phœnix Hose Co., pay roll,	225 63
Washington Hook and Ladder Co., pay roll,	254 00
Deluge Hose Co., pay roll,	214 77
Neptune Hose Co., pay roll,	227 39
L. Bridge, use horse,	14 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	38 75
S. S. Wilkinson & Co., repairing hose, etc.,	47 80
	$2,341 51

Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 82 49	
Appropriated, 1880,	2,500 00	
		$2,582 49

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

J. Staples, police services and City Marshal,	$129 02
George H. Kellogg, police services,	704 50
E. R. Locke, police services and Marshal,	65 80
Telegraph Co., telegraphing,	50
H. R. Ward, police work,	7 40
A. H. Grimes, oil, etc.,	1 84
A. W. Mitchell, police badges,	1 75
M. Roach, police work,	118 31
J. McGeary, "	2 50
J. W. Babbitt, Marshal and police work,	31 00
P. Howland, trucking,	2 30
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	17 50
P. C. Butler, police work,	9 00
G. W. Todd, team,	6 00
S. O. Gates, police work,	3 00
I. W. Ingalls, painting,	10 00
N. G. Woodbury & Co., mattresses, etc.,	15 00
W. Reyoum, police work,	2 00
R. J. Holt, " "	2 00
F. L. Pitcher, " "	2 00
H. Joslin, " "	2 00
Charles Little, " "	2 00
E. P. Hardy, " "	2 00
Spencer & Co., coal,	23 07
J. J. Tower, hat bands,	1 75
L. Martin, team,	3 90
Davis, Wright & Co., lantern, &c.,	1 15
E. O. Keith, police work,	1 00
P. Howland, trucking,	1 40
	$1,168 89

Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 109 05	
Amount appropriated, 1880,	1,500 00	
		$1,609 05

WATER WORKS.

G. F. Sanborn, salary Superintendent, and work,	$132 81
L. E. Joslin, work on pipe,	1 40
J. Mentor, " "	1 00
Kirk & Sewall, work and material,	1 41
J. Donnelly, work,	4 17
P. Howland, trucking,	1 75
W. P. Chamberlain, cloth,	63
Ray Bros., blacksmithing,	1 75
Knowlton & Stone, hardware, etc.,	55 05
Humphrey Machine Co., hydrants, etc.,	83 20
J. D. Colony & Son, printing,	16 00
L. W. Holmes, rent,	50 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., books, etc.,	5 37
D. H. Sawyer, salary as Supt., labor, etc.,	510 19
E. Joslin, salary as Commissioner,	22 50
J. Humphrey, " "	22 50
D. H. Holbrook, "	22 50
C. N. Wilder, wood,	2 75
Davis, Wright & Co., work on pipe, and materials,	15 94
E. Gustine, pipe and work,	65 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., books and stationery,	26 62
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes, etc.,	54 10
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber,	5 39
M. Ellis, castings,	17 66
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	11 75
N. G. Woodbury, chair,	1 50
	$1,132 94

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

E. Gustine, laying pipe on Marlboro' street and Railroad square,	$2,600 00

Amount appropriated, $2,600.00.

STREET LAMPS.

Keene Gas Light Co.,		$1,230 00
Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 267 79	
Amount appropriated,	1,400 00	
		$1,667 79

GASOLINE STREET LAMPS.

U. S. Street Lighting Co., posts and lanterns,	$150 00
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight,	9 36
	$159 36

Amount appropriated, $300.00.

COUNTY TAX.

George A. Litchfield, Treasurer,		$9,819 12
Amount appropriated,	$9,819 12.	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mrs. Converse, covering books,		$ 7 81
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,		17 30
Library Journal Co., "		7 00
Lee & Shepard, "		363 47
G. H. Tilden & Co., "		63 21
U. S. & C. Express, "		1 75
Readers' and Writers' Economy Co., books,		6 50
G. H. Brown, books,		8 34
George Aldrich, "		2 15
J. N. Mitchell, "		7 50
		$485 03
Balance, Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 5 55	
Amount appropriated, 1880,	500 00	
		$505 55

SUPPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Mrs. S. D. Osborne, paying for cleaning,	$ 1 00
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	22 88
Keene Gas Co., gas,	61 93
W. B. Fitch, wood,	2 40
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, duster, etc.,	3 79
Readers' and Writers' Economy Co., cases etc.,	40 51
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight on cases,	1 74
Keene Furniture Co., desks, etc.,	13 50
	$147 75

Amount appropriated, $200.00.

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	$10,765 32
" 2,	657 00
" 3,	178 10
" 4,	
" 5,	288 05
" 6,	211 62
" 7,	149 15
" 8,	227 60
" 9,	361 88
" 10,	547 43
" 11,	221 85
	$13,608 00

REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 7,	$100 00
" 3,	50 00
	$150 00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Rev. J. A. Leach,	$23 93
Rev. C. Richardson,	23 93
Rev. W. H. Eaton,	23 93
Rev. A. B. Crawford,	23 93
Rev. William Eakins,	23 93
Rev. A. Walkley,	23 93
Rev. W. W. Hayward,	23 93
Rev. P. Holahan,	23 93
Amount of interest, Jan. 1, 1880,	$191 44

SIMMONS FUND.

Miss Ann Cummings,		$ 5 00
Miss P. Ellis,		10 00
Mrs. M. L. Hastings,		10 00
Mrs. A. G. Reed,		10 00
Miss Eunice Hall,		10 00
Miss K. Billings,		10 00
		$55 00
Balance Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 1 00	
Amount of interest, Jan. 1, 1880,	60 00	
		$61 00

LAND DAMAGE.

W. A. Wilder,	land on Wilder road,	$ 1 00
Faulkner & Colony,	" " "	40 00
F. E. Foster,	" Grove street,	1 00
P. O'Neil,	" " "	1 00
J. S. Taft & Co.,	" " "	65 00
M. Ryan,	" " "	100 00
Major White,	damage to land by water,	30 00
G. H. Richards,	" " "	55 00
Mrs. F. H. Colony,	" "	75 00
H. H. Barker,	" " "	25 80
		$393 80

DECORATION DAY.

J. W. Babbitt, for committee,	$100 00

Amount appropriated, $100.

CHANGE OF COUNCIL ROOM.

S. Wadsworth & Co., for fitting up store, etc.,	$ 75 00
George Gordon, contract carpenter work, etc.,	283 28
	$358 28

Amount appropriated, $360.

FURNITURE FOR COUNCIL ROOM.

Keene Furniture Co., desks and tables,	$127 00
E. Gustine, gas fixtures,	50 34
	$177 34

Amount appropriated, $175.

DELUGE ENGINE HOUSE.

R. Stewart, land,	$600 00
G. D. Pollard, moving engine house,	175 00
A. Kingsbury, painting "	44 34
M. Carroll, plastering, etc., "	16 50
J. Newell, work "	9 50
M. Armstrong, plumbing,	80 00
	$925 34

Amount appropriated, $925.34.

ALTERATION CITY HALL.

A. R. & E. S. Foster, am't on contract, in part,	$6,000 00
Fuller, Dana & Fitz, iron,	32 96
S. D. Hicks, window caps,	64 00
Davis, Wright & Co., putting on same,	12 78
	$6,109 74

Amount appropriated, $12,000.

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

1876 tax,	$200 00	
1878 "	83 00	
1879 "	13,163 13	
1880 "	47,800 00	
		$61,246 13
Costs in Warren suit,		55 74
Interest on Estey note,		250 00
Water rents,		8,058 04
Public Library,		59 51
Railroad tax,		2,639 34
Insurance tax,		179 63
Savings Bank tax,		8,880 41
Literary fund,		416 25
County paupers,		1,681 84
Rents,		1,225 00
Licenses,		85 00
City hall,		502 50
Interest on bonds,		132 00
Police Court fines,		44 00
Reservoir ice,		100 00
City pasture,		167 00
Cash for sand,		7 58
		$85,729 97
Balance in treasury, Dec. 6, 1879,		35,377 03
		$121,107 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and ordinary city charges,	$8,713 84
City paupers,	2,934 64
County paupers,	1,655 32
Highways and bridges,	6,297 69
Fire department,	2,341 51

Police department,	$1,168 89
Water works and extension,	3,732 94
Street lamps,	1,389 36
Library,	485 03
Library expenses,	147 75
Schools,	13,608 00
Repairs school houses,	150 00
Simmons fund,	55 00
Ministerial fund,	191 44
Sewers,	436 15
County tax,	9,819 12
State tax,	11,988 00
Decoration Day,	100 00
Land damage,	393 80
Change of Council rooms,	358 28
Furniture for " "	177 34
Deluge engine house and land,	925 34
Change of City Hall,	6,109 74
Paid water loan bonds,	3,000 00
Interest on " "	9,130 00
Error in order 208,	10 00
	$85,309 18
Balance in treasury, Dec. 11, 1880,	35,797 82
	$121,107 00

ASSETS, DEC. 11, 1880.

State bonds,	$2,200 00
Estey note and interest,	1,716 90
Due from Collector, 1876,	1,181 54
" " 1879,	450 00
" " 1880,	11,720 93
" water rates,	485 16
	$17,754 53
Balance in treasury, Dec. 11, 1880,	35,797 82
	$53,552 35

INDEBTEDNESS.

Water Bonds,	$150,400 00

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CITY.

City hall building,	$26,000 00
Furniture in city hall building,	1,000 00
Fire department,	12,000 00
City pasture,	2,000 00
Water works,	502 40
Highways,	250 00
City Marshal's office,	200 00

We have examined the Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. KIMBALL,
JASON FRENCH,
HIRAM BLAKE,
GEO. H. RICHARDS,
Committee on Finance.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and recommend that ten thousand dollars of the same be raised by taxation, and that the balance be supplied by money already in the Treasury, viz:

Ordinary City Charges,	$7,000 00
Highways, Bridges and Sewers,	6,500 00
Fire Department,	1,500 00
City Paupers,	2,000 00
Interest on Water Loan,	1,800 00
Public Library,	500 00
Lighting Street Lamps,	1,400 00
Police,	1,200 00
Support Public Library,	200 00
	$22,100 00

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

Chief Engineer's Office, Keene, Dec. 1, 1880.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

Again it gives me pleasure to report to you the condition of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 1, 1880.

It is certainly cause for gratitude that we have been so wonderfully preserved from fires the past year; and we doubt whether another place in New England has been so highly favored as Keene in this respect. But this is no reason for relaxing our vigilance; and I trust that our citizens appreciate the necessity of a thorough, live and active Department.

I have endeavored, with the aid of my assistants, to keep the Department in complete working order; and I believe that when occasion calls for their services, our firemen will acquit themselves worthily as firemen and citizens.

There have been some changes made in the Department during the past year. An ordinance increasing the firemen's pay from nine and one-half dollars annually to fifteen dollars, took effect the first of last April. I believe it to be a great improvement over the old way, as it guarantees pay to every one in proportion to the time he serves faithfully, and a little more, as will be seen by reading the ordinance. The old way was very unfair, as a member might serve faithfully ten months, and then through some unavoidable cause be obliged to leave the department, when the new member succeeding him would draw a year's pay after two months' service. I think the new ordinance will have the effect of keeping the companies full during the whole year; while heretofore they have been full only on or near pay-day. It was quite a change for the foremen to make their quarterly reports of the number of men on duty appointed and discharged, yet I think they

have done remarkably well and that all are satisfied that the change is for the better.

By the advice and consent of the Committee on Fire Department, I have purchased six hydrant gates and five hundred feet of good oak-tanned leather hose. The foregoing purchase was received in August last, in complete order, from Hunneman & Co., Boston. A quantity of old hose at South Keene, belonging with the Niagara engine, was sold, and 300 feet of good hose put in its place.

Another change in the Department was in moving the Deluge engine and hose house from the rear of City Hall to Vernon street. This was a necessity, on account of the improvements about to be made on City Hall building; and upon the whole the change is a good one in my opinion. The house is well situated, and well repaired and fitted up.

The ordinary running expenses of the Department have been very light the past year, which is no doubt an agreeable feature to all; and I see no reason why we may not anticipate as little or even less expense another year.

The number of fires has been very small, and the damage slight, with one exception—the burning of Elbridge Clarke's block in March last. This occurred at a very unfavorable time, on account of the severity of the wind and weather; and it seemed almost a miracle that it was checked where it was. I think the firemen well deserved praise for their perseverance and success on that eventful night. The pleasant recognition of their services by the First Congregational Society was an event to be long remembered by our firemen.

ALARMS OF FIRES.

The following are the alarms and fires for the past year:

Jan. 19, 1880.—Alarm at Wm. P. Chamberlain's house; caused by throwing ashes into the barn cellar, making considerable smoke. Damage slight; scare a good deal.

Feb. 19.—Alarm on Island street; cause, chimney burning out.

March 24.—Alarm on Square, caused by fire breaking out near or over apothecary store. Damage $50,000; insurance $16,100.

March 25.—Alarm at South Keene, caused by Keene Chair Co.'s store-house burning. Loss $8,000; insurance $5,000.

April 5.—Alarm caused by J. M. Farnum's grist mill taking fire. Damage slight.

April 10.—Alarm caused by grass taking fire from passing engines. Damage not ascertained.

April 25.—Alarm on Washington street, caused by chimney burning out at the house of J. N. Morse, by which he was reminded that he had better slate, and did so.

May 13.—Alarm at Cheshire Railroad wood-shed, caused by sparks setting fire to the shingles. Damage small—$25.

June 8.—Alarm on Washington street, caused by Allen Giffin's house taking fire, which was badly damaged. Loss $2,000.

Oct. 29.—There was a slight alarm on Franklin street, which came near disturbing a torch-light procession.

NUMBER OF MEN.

The manual working force of the Department is 87 men, organized as follows: seven engineers, three hose companies, 20 men each, viz: Deluge, Neptune and Phœnix hose, also a Hook and Ladder company of 20 men.

HOSE.

There are now in the Department 4200 feet of good hose, located as follows: 1200 at Phœnix hose house on Depot ground, in rear of the Episcopal church, 1200 at Neptune hose house, 1250 at Deluge hose house on Vernon street, 100 at Hope mills, 150 at Symonds' tannery, and 300 at South Keene—making a total of 4200 feet.

DISCIPLINE.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to state that there has been manifested a general acquiescence in every rule and regulation of the Department. I think all have endeavored to do their duty, and although some may have fallen short, yet we take the will for the deed, in part.

In my last report I suggested, as an act of appreciation and for the good of the Department, that our city authorities give annually a supper to the firemen. It would cost but

little compared with the good effect it would have upon the men. It would be to the firemen like Thanksgiving to the home circle.

Our Fire Department is just what we make it. If every man who thinks himself capable of doing better than our firemen, would take hold and try his hand at it, no doubt there might be some improvement in our Department. Good example is better than street lectures. Let our citizens take hold and make our Department what they would have it. We are all aware of our many shortcomings, for which we sincerely desire as lenient judgment as possible.

Appropriation,	$2,500 00
Expenses,	2,200 00

The large expenditure and appropriation was caused by the necessity of purchasing new hose and moving and repairing Deluge hose house.

For detailed report of expenses, see Finance Committee's report.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Virgil A. Wright, Chief Engineer;
Freeman A. White, 1st Assistant;
Charles Abbott, 2d "
Henry H. Barker, 3d "
John A. Batchelder, 4th "
George A. Whitney, 5th "
Thomas F. Barrett, 6th "

LIST OF FIREMEN.

PHŒNIX HOSE, NO. 4.

H. H. Haynes, Foreman,
Oscar P. Applin, 1st Assistant,
George Russell, 2d "
Charles E. Harrington, Clerk,
Fred C. Foster,
George A. Rogers,
Walter H. Hudson,
E. P. Carrigan,
Walter Mansfield,
A. W. Dickenson,
Charles E. Thompson,
John Russell,
Edward Whittemore,
William H. Geddes.
Chauncy A. Hatch,
Albert C. Austin,
Adna W. Sprague,
A. W. Thomas,
Eugene E. Seavey,
Alexander Lane.

NEPTUNE HOSE, NO. 2.

Wm. C. Cleary, Foreman,
George E. Forbes, 1st Assistant,
J. A. Reason, 2d "
E. Symonds,
C. Donovan,
Geo. O. Shelly,
T. E. Reed,
R. Low,
William Richards,
Timothy Foley,
James Hannon,
Timothy Kennedy,
E. Bouvier,
James Coffey,
Joseph Booter,
Moses Martin,
E. M. Smith,
Daniel Sullivan,
C. A. Woodcock,
C. A. Bouvier.

WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER, NO. 1.

Horace Joslin, Foreman,
Ambrose Howard, 1st Assistant,
Joseph E. Griffith, 2d "
A. E. Fish, Clerk,
William Stevenson,
James M. Cone,
Alfred Richardson,
Henry Woodbury,
Benjamin F. Wilder,
Harvey Evans,
Edwin H. Stone, Clerk,
Royal Smith,
A. B. Carpenter,
Thomas Cummings, Jr.,
Henry Hall,
Enoch Aiken,
George H. Smith,
Wm. H. Preckle,
Joseph Cummings,
James M. Gowdy.

DELUGE HOSE, NO. 1.

Patrick O'Leary, Foreman,	George F. Howe,
George L. Starkey, 1st Assistant,	James O'Leary,
Gilbert Perry, 2d "	Charles A. Bouvier, J.,
A. H. Barrett, Clerk,	Fred O. Quinn,
Peter Bouvier,	J. N. Barrows,
Fred M. Rogers,	John B. Fitzgerald,
Fred W. Towne,	Daniel Callahan,
David Oliver,	Dennis Willett,
Irving J. Griffith,	John Burns,
Herman Bowen,	George Greenway.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Deluge engine, on Vernon street,	$500 00
Deluge hose carriage, "	700 00
Phœnix hose carriage, near Episcopal church,	350 00
Neptune " " "	725 00
Two old jumpers, " "	300 00
Hook and Ladder carriage, ladders, etc.,	500 00
Niagara engine and hose carriage, South Keene,	550 00
Deluge engine and hose house,	600 00
Phœnix hose house,	800 00
Neptune "	800 00
Fire alarm at city hall,	100 00
1500 feet good leather hose,	1,800 00
2500 feet medium hose,	2,000 00
200 feet old hose,	50 00
Total valuation,	$9,775 00

In conclusion, allow me to thank the City Government for their kindness to us and the Department. And I would here tender my personal thanks to my Assistant Engineers for the aid and counsel they have given me; and I would most cordially thank both officers and men of the several companies who have always been ready and willing to do their duty, and for the many tokens of respect given me, which I fear have been but poorly merited.

VIRGIL A. WRIGHT, *Chief Engineer.*

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

KEENE, N. H., DEC. 1, 1880.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils of the City of Keene:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of the Highway Department from Jan. 1, 1880, to Dec. 1.

Our roads the past season have been very good, when we consider the unusually dry summer, which is very hard on our sandy roads. But, I think, through the summer and fall the roads and sidewalks will compare favorably with any former year. On our bridges I have been obliged to use a large quantity of plank and new stringers. The east wings and abutments of the Beaver Brook bridge on Main street fell in last spring, and it was a hard place to get a good foundation. I widened the bridge ten feet, and made a permanent and desired improvement.

NEW STREETS MADE.

Extension of Beaver street, Foster street, Adams Court. Also, a new road, starting a little north of Bridge place, and bearing north-west to Gilsum line — a hard and expensive road to build. The cross walk from Bank block to the Park, and across to Ball's block, was ordered to be done last year, but was omitted; also, the sewer on Court street, and some other jobs which were ordered done last year have been done this year.

There has been a new sewer constructed the past season on Court street, from Vernon to Union street, of good capacity. There has been a good deal of trouble with sewers on Vernon street, and under Warren's buildings, and on Mechanic street; also, the main sewer on Railroad street has given us a good

deal of trouble, but we have kept it in running order by building new and repairing the worst places. I think it will be policy to provide for further repairs. A good many of our sewers are constructed of wood,—I think too many for economy.

There has been a good deal of work done around city hall, and on Vernon street, filling up lot for engine house, and for stone and laying foundation for the same, which really should not have come out of the highway money; but which has been cheerfully performed by me through directions from the proper authority, and the expense placed in with the other expenses of the department under my superintendence.

I employed the following men to take charge of such sections of roads as would be most convenient for them to repair, and they have expended therefor the following sums:

Geo. K. Wright, south part Concord road,	$81 96
F. O. Wright, Sullivan roads from Davis',	37 56
M. C. Ellis, new Westmoreland road,	54 21
Charles Abbott, old Westmoreland road,	65 25
I. Curtis, north part old Westmoreland road,	98 03
S. C. Ellis, south part old Westmoreland road,	25 97
D. A. Brown, Chesterfield road from Wilson's mill,	106 70
Miles Davis, east part Concord and Nims road,	95 17
D. B. Stearns, from his house to Chesterfield road,	13 75
Charles Eveleth, north part Branch road,	21 24
C. Randall, old Surry and Gilsum road,	32 50
H. O. Estey, care of road to his farm,	20 50
A. G. Nims, " "	5 00
R. S. Graves, " "	10 00
C. W. Wyman, from Westmoreland road to Abbott's.	
Geo. H. Nims, work on old Gilsum road,	31 75
Thomas Grimes, care of road to his house.	

All the above roads have been put in good repair.

The following are the outside roads worked in connection with the work in Union District: All the roads on Beech Hill except Concord road, West Hill roads and the roads east of West Hill, West street road to Surry road, Court street road to Surry line, Washington street and Beaver Brook road to

Gilsum line, Road from Bridge place to Sullivan line, Marlboro' street road to Marlboro' line, Branch road to Roxbury line, old Fairbanks road, and two roads from South Keene to Swanzey line; Main street road to Swanzey line, Winchester street road to Swanzey line, Ash Swamp Meadow road.

The further expenditures for labor, services and material for the past year may be found in the Financial Report.

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS, ETC., ON HAND.

4 road scrapers, 1 plow, 1 old plow, 1 stone drag, 1 tool box, 3 large drills, lot small drills, 1 priming hammer, 2 large hammers, 6 picks, 6 shovels, 1 steel rake, 3 iron bars, 1 hoe, 2 paving hammers, 1 saw, 2 axes, 1 wheelbarrow, 27 pieces of 18-in. drain pipe, 1500 feet bridge plank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BUTLER, *Superintendent.*

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present the following report of the doings of the Police Department for the quarter ending April 1, 1880.

Whole number of arrests,	30
Males,	27
Females,	3
Brought before Police Court,	9
Sent to Reform School,	6
Sent to House of Correction,	2
Sentenced to pay fine,	1

The offences for which arrests were made include,—

Drunkenness and disturbance,	17
Larceny from freight cars,	10
Tramps,	3
Released on promise of good behavior,	15

Stores found open and secured, 1.

Lights left burning by mistake in stores, 3.

Value of stolen property restored, $25.

Defective streets and sidewalks reported, 4.

Drunken persons sent home, 5.

Persons applying for and furnished with food and lodgings at station, 3.

Fire alarms given, 1.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BABBITT, *City Marshal.*

KEENE, N. H., DEC. 1, 1880.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration a portion of the doings of the Police Department from April 1, 1880, to Dec. 1, 1880.

Whole number of arrests has been,

Males,	125
Females,	4
Total,	129

The offences for which arrests have been made comprise,

Assault and battery,	2
Cruelty to animals,	4
Common drunkards,	2
Drunkenness,	103
Disturbance of the peace,	12
Larceny,	6
Total,	129

A portion of the miscellaneous duties of the police the following table will show:—

Intoxicated persons assisted home,	14
Intoxicated persons sent home,	37
Persons applying for and furnished with food and lodgings at station,	14
Nuisances suppressed,	9
Stray horses found and cared for,	6
Defective streets and sidewalks reported,	7
Fire alarms,	4
Dogs killed,	1
Doors left unlocked and lights left burning by mistake and reported,	6

Value of goods left out by mistake, found and returned to owner, $130.

Lost money found and returned to owner, $15.

Stolen money recovered and returned to owner, $490.30.

Respectfully submitted,

J. STAPLES, *City Marshal.*

REPORT OF CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I beg leave to submit the following report of this office for rents, &c., for the year ending Dec. 1, 1880:

Rec'd S. Wadsworth & Co., store rent,		$425 00
" " "	water rates,	7 00
" A. H. Grimes, store rent,		400 00
" " "	water rates,	7 00
" Wyman, Nims & Co., store rent,		350 00
" " "	water rates,	7 00
" Knowlton & Stone, land rent,		20 00
" S. Babcock & Son, water rates,		9 00
" W. H. Buttrick, billiard table license,		20 00
" J. M. Ryan,	" "	10 00
" H. Couillard,	" "	10 00
" Cooper, Bailey & Co., circus license,		30 00
" Ideal Concert Co., license,		5 00
" Remenyi Co., license.		5 00
" Ed. Ash Co., license,		5 00
		$1,310 00
Deposited with City Treasurer,		$1,310 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. DOOLITTLE, *City Clerk.*

REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from Dec. 1, 1879, to Dec. 1, 1880.

Received for rent of City Hall:

1879.			
Dec.	2.	Republican caucus,	$0 00
"	4.	Mrs. Livermore's lecture,	5 00
"	6.	Democratic caucus,	0 00
"	7.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	9.	Ward 3, for election,	0 00
"	12.	Keene Fire Department,	0 00
"	14.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	16.	Dartmouth Glee Club,	8 00
"	17.	Universalist Society,	16 00
"	18.	St. Bernard Temperance Society, lecture,	0 00
"	21.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	28.	" " "	4 00
"	29.	California Minstrels,	14 50
1880.			
Jan.	4.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	11.	" " "	4 00
"	13.	Baird's Minstrels,	12 00
"	10.	Band Fair 5 days, to 18th,	0 00
"	24.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	27.	Harry Bloodgood's Minstrels,	10 00
"	28.	F. W. Childs,	12 00
"	29.	F. B. Eames, lecture,	4 00
Feb.	1.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	5.	Ladies of Universalist Society,	10 00
"	7.	Mother Goose party for Free School,	0 00
"	13.	Reform Club,	7 00
"	15.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"		Prof. Bosco, 4 nights,	35 00
"	22.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
"	26.	Methodist festival,	12 00
"	27.	Deluge Hose Co.,	10 00
Mar.	1.	Rowell and Appleton, lecture,	5 00
"	2.	Ella Merrill, comic opera,	10 00

Mar. 5.	Union Dist. school meeting,	$0 00
" 7.	Reform Club,	4 00
" 8 & 9.	J. H. Wright, Reeves Opera Co.,	25 00
" 10.	Clark & Hardy's Minstrels,	12 00
" 14.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
" 17.	Universalist Society,	10 00
" 23.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
" 24.	Universalist Society,	0 00
" 25.	Keene Light Guard,	3 00
" 30.	F. B. Eames,	5 00
April 4.	J. N. Trask, lecture,	4 00
" 5.	Rowell and Appleton,	15 00
" 7.	Hibernians,	17 00
" 11.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
" 14.	Mrs. Proctor,	10 00
" 18.	Centennial Jubilee Singers,	10 00
" 20.	Universalist Society,	15 00
" 22.	Remenyi,	15 00
" 25.	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
" 30.	Unitarian Society, festival,	12 00
May 4.	Maynard & Hatton.	7 00
" 5.	" "	7 00
" 12.	Danites,	12 00
" 14.	Neptune Hose Co.,	0 00
" 20.	Kit Clark,	15 00
June 5.	New Orleans Minstrels,	14 00
" 11,	12. Hyer Sisters,	25 00
" 13.	Hampton Jubilee Singers,	10 00
" 17.	Keene Grammar Schools,	0 00
" 21.	J. M. Colville, lecture,	5 00
" 28,	29, 30. Keene High School Graduates,	0 00
" 15,	16, Prof. O. J. Fowler,	10 00
July.	Garfield and Arthur club, two lectures,	10 00
"	Gospel Temperance Society,	4 00
		$502 50
	Paid City Treasurer,	$502 50

Yours, respectfully,

E. O. KEITH, *City Messenger.*

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I submit the following report.

The case of Lowell Wilbur against the city was stricken from the docket at the April term of court. The city is entitled to costs, which have been demanded of the administrator of Mr. Wilbur's estate, but have not yet been paid.

The questions of law arising in the petition of J. G. Warren against the city for a partial abatement of his taxes have been settled by the Supreme Court in favor of the city. Mr. Warren promptly paid the costs.

The two cases against the city, entered at the October term of Court, 1879, by J. G. Warren have been settled by the payment of one hundred and forty dollars and costs of court.

The two cases of George W. Zimmerman against the city have been settled by the payment of three thousand dollars.

The city has been discharged as trustee in the suit of Joseph Wharton vs. the Manchester and Keene Railroad.

The eight other suits in which the city has been summoned as trustee of said Railroad, John H. Dawe, and others, are still in court. No attempt has been made to take the disclosure of the trustee.

The city has commenced a suit against Hon. Silas Hardy for a nominal sum, to test the powers of the Board of Health under the Statute. This is a friendly suit, in the proper decision of which all citizens are interested. It will be tried during the present month.

At the October term of court the city was indicted on account of a highway alleged to be defective by reason of sand between the "Sun Tavern," on Court street, and the "Four Corners." No notice has yet been given the defendant.

The Manchester & Keene Railroad vs. The City of Keene is a suit commenced by writ dated Nov. 15, 1880, and return-

able at the next January term of the Supreme Court to be holden at Manchester. The plaintiff demands payment of a "gratuity, amounting to $128,951.58, with interest thereon from December 5th, 1878." The plaintiffs in interest are Samuel W. Hale, Henry Colony, John Y. Scruton, William P. Frye, Ansel and William Dickinson, of whom Ansel Dickinson is the surviving partner, and Albert W. Eames. The attorneys for the plaintiffs are Messrs. Briggs & Huse, of Manchester, and Hon. William E. Chandler, of Concord. Able counsel, consisting of Messrs. Batchelder & Faulkner, and Hon. William S. Ladd, of Lancaster, have been retained to assist in the conduct of the suit. Counsel have consulted together and are preparing to make a vigorous defence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ABBOTT, *Solicitor.*

Keene, Dec. 1, 1880.

REPORT OF POLICE JUSTICE.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Keene:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report:

Seventy-two civil actions have been entered before said Justice the past year.

There have been thirty-two arraignments before said Justice, for the following causes, viz:

Selling mortgaged property,	1
Larceny,	1
Indecent conduct,	2
Cruelty to animals,	1
Being a common drunkard,	1
Setting fire unlawfully,	1
Assault,	6
Being drunk,	7
Burglary,	12

These cases were disposed of as follows:

Persons sentenced to pay fines conditionally:	1
" " " " unconditionally,	14
" sent to House of Correction,	1
" held to answer at Supreme Court,	9
" not prosecuted to judgment,	5
Cases dismissed,	1

Of those sentenced to pay fines, twelve paid their fines, amounting to $41.00.

The others were committed for non-payment—

To jail,	1
To House of Correction,	2
Fines received for the use of the city,	$38 00
Fines paid to Humane Society,	$3 00

Of those held to answer at the Supreme Court, seven, being minors, were sent to the Reform School instead.

E. FARRAR, *Justice.*

WATER WORKS.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

In transmitting the Report of the Superintendent of Keene Water Works, which shows the current receipts and expenditures, etc., under his supervision for the year ending Dec. 1, 1880, it gives us pleasure to be able to state that the duties of his office have been faithfully, efficiently and courteously performed, and, so far as circumstances would permit, in a manner to subserve the best interests of the Works, and, we believe, to the general satisfaction of patrons.

The net income of the year, exclusive of interest and construction accounts, has been $7,354.82, making a noticeable gain over previous years. This, to some extent, is due to increasing use, but largely to better service in making assessments and collections.

In obedience to the expressed will of the Councils, the Works have been extended by laying 2,244 feet of 6-in. cast iron main, with 4 hydrants and branches, on Marlboro' street, at an expense of $2,275.22; also, by 496 feet of similar pipe, with 2 hydrants, on Railroad square, at a cost of $531.10, making total construction account to date $162,699.58.

Another important matter which deserves the attention of the proper authorities is the selection of the Superintendent, in which there is great need of civil service reform. This office, instead of being kicked about like a foot-ball by inexperienced players on the day of the annual inauguration of our city officers, and driven in the direction in which the thrusts of the more expert may send it — through motives of

personal favor or prejudice — should be filled only by those selected for especial fitness; and when a suitable incumbent is found, the mode of election and salary should be such as to ensure greater permanance of service than it is practicable to secure with prevalent methods. With the present very low salary a competent person, if induced to take the position with the expectation of comparatively light duties, spends the first part of his term in learning them, and the latter part in acquiring a full knowledge of the fact that he cannot afford the service for the compensation. This has a tendency to keep the Works under the care of inexperienced or inefficient men, and although cheap service may be popular, it is not always the most profitable,—especially in the management of this department. While the present Board of Water Commissioners do not assume to direct the action of the Councils in these matters, nor do they have any motives other than the proper discharge of their duty and a desire for the continued prosperity and best interests of the Works, they present these suggestions as the result of their observation and experience, with the hope that they may kindly receive that consideration which the importance of the subject demands.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD JOSLIN,
JOHN HUMPHREY,
DANIEL H. HOLBROOK,
Water Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the General City Ordinances, I submit the following report:

SERVICE PIPES.

Number reported Dec. 1, 1879,	859
Number added during the year,	26
Number attached to works to date,	885

WATER RENTS.

Uncollected assessments per report 1879,		$855 60
21st (Dec. 1879) assessment,	$3,687 06	
Less collections per 1879 report,	586 82	
		3,100 24
22d assessment, to Dec. 1, 1880,		4,628 52
Total,		$8,584 36

CORRECTIONS AND ABATEMENTS.

Discounts on assessments prior to 21st,	$113 60	
" " 21st and 22d,	7 62	
		$121 22

Included in the above are nine abatements amounting to $24—from inability to collect.

COLLECTIONS,

As per Account of G. F. Sanborn, Supt. to Jan. 8, 1880.

On assessments prior to 21st,	$462 19	
" No. 21,	755 36	
		$1,217 55

By D. H. Sawyer, Supt.

On assessments prior to 21st,	$ 273 81	
" No. 21,	2,321 83	
" No. 22,	4,164 79	
		$6,760 43

BALANCES UNPAID.

On assessment No. 20,	$ 6 00	
" " 21,	43 10	
" " 22,	436 06	
		485 16
Total,		$8,584 36

RECEIPTS ASIDE FROM WATER RENTS.

For tappings, pipe, valves, &c.,	$80 06

CASH ACCOUNT.

Collections by G. F. Sanborn,	$1,217 55	
" D. H. Sawyer, (water),	6,760 43	
" " (pipe, &c.)	80 06	
		$8,058 04
Deposits by G. F. Sanborn,	$1,217 55	
" D. H. Sawyer,	6,840 49	
		$8,058 04

EARNINGS.

Water rents, assessment 21,	$3,687 06	
" " 22,	4,628 26	
	8,315 32	
Less discounts 21 and 22,	7 62	
	$8,307 70	
Cash for ice, paid City Treasurer by O. D. Pratt,	100 00	
Cash for pipe, valves and tappings,	80 06	
		$8,487 76
Current expenses and bills paid per schedule below,		1,132 94
Net earnings,		$7,354 82

CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER BILLS PAID.

Lewis Holmes, office rent, 1878,	$50 00
Sundry bills contracted by G. F. Sanborn,	84 60
" " " and settled by D. H. Sawyer,	172 69
Edward Gustine, lot iron pipe,	54 60
" " material for repairs,	11 00
Humphrey Machine Co., valves and repairs,	48 60
Knowlton & Stone,	43 37
Keene Furniture Co., hydrant boxes,	54 10
M. Ellis, stop box covers,	17 06
Davis & Wright, sundry repairs,	15 94
Nims, Whitney & Co.,	5 39
James Donnelly,	2 60
C. N. Wilder, wood for office,	2 75

N. G. Woodbury & Co., chairs,	$1 50
W. H. Spalter & Co.,	5 37
G. H. Tilden & Co.,	26 62
J. D. Colony & Sons,	7 50
Sentinel Printing Co.,	11 75
G. F. Sanborn, balance salary,	112 50
D. H. Sawyer, 9 months' salary,	337 50
Commissioners' salary,	67 50
	$1,132 94

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON HAND.

144 feet 6 inch cast iron pipe,	$92 60
144 " 4 " " "	54 80
90 " 4 " wrought iron pipe,	50 00
30 " 3 " " " "	9 00
Lot of cement pipe,	10 00
2 post hydrants,	80 00
2 pairs pipe tongs,	8 00
1 pair snips,	2 00
20 shovels,	10 00
20 picks,	25 00
2 bush hooks,	2 00
1 pump,	5 00
8 stopcocks,	8 00
2 water gauges,	30 00
2 2-inch connection valves,	16 00
2 2-inch hydrant valves,	10 00
1 $1\frac{1}{4}$-inch " "	1 50
1 hand axe,	1 00
2 hammer wrenches,	2 00
Rubber boots and mittens,	9 00
Rubber cloth and twine,	25 00
Pails and lantern,	1 50
Office furniture,	25 00
Lot of wrenches,	10 00
Lot of property estimated at	15 00
	$502 40

In consequence of the continued dry season, water in the pond is lower than usual at this time of year; but if water takers will exercise a little care in its use, there will be a supply sufficient for the Winter. The quality of the water has been good throughout the year. The expenditures have been increased, owing in part to the payment of bills not belonging to the year. Pipe valves have been purchased which we now have on hand in stock; twenty-five old fire hydrant boxes removed and new boxes replaced, and several leaky hydrants repaired. The works, with the exception of a few defective hydrants and gate boxes, are in good repair. No bills outstanding.

D. H. SAWYER, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 1, 1880:

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd for lots sold,	$107 00
" Wood and saplings,	39 00
" Hay,	13 00
" Frank Foster, ½ of drain,	10 30
Drawn from Savings Bank,	43 36
	$212 66

Amount in Savings Bank Dec. 1, 1880, $425.49.

ACCOUNT OF SUMNER CARPENTER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1880,	$45 37
Drawn from bank Sept. 4,	5 37
Amount in bank, Oct. 1, 1880,	$40 00
Interest from Jan. 1, to Oct. 1, 1880,	1 30
	$41 30

Expended on lot for labor and material, $5.37.

EXPENDITURES.

Kirk & Sewall, lead pipe,	$1 71
Spencer & Co., wheelbarrow and cement,	4 21
Knowlton & Stone, drain tile,	20 60
M. Armstrong & Co., repairing water pipe,	1 95
A. Trask, work on fountain,	50
D. H. Holbrook, old bill,	75

Alfred Richardson, work on avenues and lots,	$7 50
A. J. Williams, "	7 00
Abram Seaver, work in old cemetery,	7 00
" " Woodland Cemetery,	11 20
James Donahue,	84 46
Henry Purcell,	8 00
Deposited in bank,	57 78
	$212 66

HENRY PURCELL, *Superintendent.*

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report.

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To bal. of appropriation unexpended Dec. 1, 1879,	$ 5 58
To appropriation for 1880,	500 00
To received by Librarian from fines, sale of catalogues, supplements, and waste paper,	59 51
Total,	$565 09

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By amount expended for books,	$416 01
" repairing books,	62 21
" covering books,	7 56
By cash paid City Treasurer from fines, sale of catalogues, etc.	59 51
By unexpended balance,	19 80
Total,	$565 09

Number of books in the Library, Dec. 1, 1879,	4,288
New books purchased the present year,	274
Volumes given last year by Social Union,	147
Received from U. S. and State governments, and other sources,	38
	4,747
Books lost,	3
Total number Dec. 1, 1880,	4,744
Number of books issued during the year,	23,604
Whole number of cards issued to Dec. 1, 1879,	2,235
" " during 1880,	299

While the number of books taken out has been less than

during the previous year, the number of cards issued to new patrons of the library is in excess of those issued last year. We think this an encouraging sign of the widening usefulness of our library.

The item of expense for covering books does not appear since May first. As the usual library hours gave time enough to do the work it was arranged with the Librarian to have it done without extra charge.

The postal card reserve system introduced last year continues to grow in favor with the readers.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Within a few years the number of public libraries in the United States has rapidly increased. At the first each one worked after its own methods, often seen to be imperfectly adapted to the ends in view. A comparison of methods and an interchange of ideas between librarians was needful for their more efficient work. In 1876 these, and others connected with library work, met in conference at Philadelphia. The American Library Association was formed, and many valuable papers pertaining to library service were read and discussed. These were published in the Library Journal, bound volumes of which are now in our library.

This year our Keene Library became a member of the Association. Availing themselves of these aids to library management, the Trustees have taken steps to increase the efficiency of our own library. It has been felt that it is wanting in those administrative provisions that make it serviceable today and keep it so to-morrow. Two things have been prominently lacking,—a proper classification of the books, and a catalogue that would be a more complete guide than the one now in use.

Mr. Winsor, late Librarian of the Boston Public Library, now of Harvard, says: "If the librarian and his coadjutors are to work for a common end effectually, the collection gathered about them must be catalogued. This means no rough work of the auctioneers' kind, but scholarly and faithful inquiry, embodied in a fixed and comprehensive method. Every book must be questioned persistently as to its author, its kind,

its scope, its relations to all knowledge. Answers to all these questions must be made record of, once for all. Let not the cost frighten; a library without such an index is no library, but a mob of books."

The card catalogue, in use in many libraries, was decided to be the best form for such a record, as furnishing an index which would last as long as the library, never needing to be rewritten as long as the cardboard lasts, always accurately alphabetical, and capable of any desired rearrangement, correction, or modification, either in single items or in mass. Such an one is nearly completed, and will be ready for public use on reopening the library in its new quarters under the city hall.

This will need to be supplemented by a brief title "finding-list" for home use—similar to the one now in use, with all the authors' names and titles of books brought into one alphabet, instead of being found in half a dozen places as at present.

The edition of the main part of our present finding-list was exhausted in the early part of the year, and there have been many calls for it. A new one can be made from the card catalogue. It is believed that the more complete information about each book, contained in the card catalogue, will be readily appreciated by the reading public.

Many persons using the Boston Public Library agree that its peculiar advantage lies less in the great number of its books than in the fact that exhaustive catalogues guide the student to just the book he wants; he is not compelled to swell statistics of circulation by taking out ten books that were not wanted in order to find the volume of which he stands in need.

Statistics of circulation may throw little light on the manner and spirit in which the privileges of the library have been used. To furnish reading for all leisure hours is not necessarily the best thing it can do for us. Excessive indulgence in miscellaneous reading is found to be a hindrance to real assimilation of knowledge. As intellectual effort is kindled, fewer books may be read; so it is possible that the usefulness of a library may increase in inverse ratio to the circulation of its books.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

In the difficult task of selecting books the committee have kept in mind the varied tastes of all classes of readers. They have given much time and earnest thought to this work, endeavoring to add to the really valuable collection on our shelves books that shall have a permanent value. They have, as heretofore, left to the circulating library the office of providing the more floating sensational literature. A book, to be good, should not be merely amusing, or entertaining and harmless, but instructive and stimulating to the better nature. Such as these, we believe, the people of Keene wish to see in their public library.

A LOOK FORWARD.

In their efforts to serve the best interests of the community, your Trustees have been cheered and encouraged by keeping before them their ideal of the future Keene Public Library. It is to become the helper and supplement of an *improved* public school system. Its well-lighted and commodious reading-rooms, supplied with the best periodicals and newspapers, and its ample reference-shelves, will make it the favorite resort of the learned and the unlearned. The teacher, the artisan and the laborer shall seek and find assistance from books and skilled librarians. Our young people whose homes have none of the appliances for culture shall here find means for keeping pace intellectually with the most favored, and its aims shall be one with our public school system, which is, to give every man the chance to be the equal of every other man, if he can. Our sons and daughters of wealth will look upon it as the worthy recipient of their favors, and present useful books, and finally honor their day and generation by liberal bequests. Let us trust that the interaction of the Library and the community will be such as to enable us to *realize* our ideals.

WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN,
MRS. S. D. OSBORNE,
D. W. GILBERT,
MRS. E. J. C. GILBERT,
CHARLES H. HERSEY,
KATE L. TILDEN,
Trustees.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The Overseers of the Poor herewith lay before the City Councils their report for the year ending Dec. 1, 1880:

The number of persons requiring aid were less than last year; and it will be seen on consulting the report of the Finance Committee that the amount expended for the city poor is less by $200 than in 1879, while that expended for County paupers is over $300 less than last year.

There have been two extraordinary expenditures the past year—one the amount we have had to pay the town of Winchester for medical attendance and nursing Edward Ballou through a long and severe sickness, and the other the support of the five boys sent to the State Reform School last Spring, which cost the city at the rate of $380 per year. The Reform School may be the best school in which to educate some of our boys, but is certainly an expensive one.

With these two items left out, the ordinary expenditures for the poor—City and County—have decreased about $1100, or twenty-five per cent. from 1879.

For a detailed account of the charities dispensed by us, we refer you to the report of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. DAVIS,
G. KINGSBURY,
A. J. ALDRICH,
HIRAM STOWELL,
S. WHITE,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Honorable Councils of the City of Keene:

Your Health Commissioners are able to report, that. while the general health has been such as not to require any extraordinary exercise of our duties, a considerable number of causes for complaint have been brought to our notice and attended to.

At the beginning of our term, a number of bills were turned over to us, assessed to owners adjoining the ditch from Symonds' tannery to the river, for clearing the same. It was understood that the parties against whom they were assessed refused payment, denying their liability in law or justice. We placed these in the hands of the City Solicitor, to be prosecuted at your discretion. Suit was commenced upon one as a test case, which at time of making this report is undecided.

Complaints were very generally made, during the hot season, of the unsavory condition of Beaver Brook. An examination showed that there was good cause for complaint; but your Commissioners having no appropriation at their disposal, and the practicability of collecting the cost in such case upon adjoining owners not having been established, we have not yet undertaken the work of cleansing the channel of the brook.

In the locality in rear of Nims' block, which has been the occasion of nearly annual complaint to the Health officers, we have caused a drain to be laid across the land of Brigham Nims, connecting with the main sewer on Church street. This is calculated to carry off at least all the drainage from adjoining premises. It may still be necessary to require the owner of the land to fill it up, to correct its naturally wet and unwholesome condition.

While we believe the health of our city, as a whole, to be far better than that of most large towns, much sickness could

doubtless be prevented by improving drainage, the more universal introduction and use of Crystal Lake water, and more careful attention to sanitary precautions about the dwellings of many of its inhabitants.

CLARK F. ROWELL,
JULIUS N. MORSE,
JOHN J. HOLBROOK,
Health Commissioners.

CITY PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

In accordance with the ordinance relating to the City Physician, I herewith present the Fourth Annual Report.

There have been two births and one death among the poor during the past year. The city has been free from epidemics. Among the poor there have been a few sporadic cases of the following diseases, viz: Diphtheria, pneumonia, bronchitis, scarlatina, abscesses, diseases of the eye and skin, intestinal scrofula, rheumatism, injuries ulcers, and varicose veins. We are still suffering in some sections of our city from imperfect drainage, which should receive your *serious* consideration.

One neighborhood, through which passes a sluggish, polluted ditch or sewer, has been frequently afflicted the past ten years with typhoid fever, and in several cases it has proved fatal. So many cases have occurred near this ditch that no physician could reasonably doubt in regard to the cause of the fever.

There is abundance of proof to show that exhalations from decomposing animal and vegetable substances, stables, sink drains, cesspools, open sewers, and filthy cellars, &c., may become absorbed into the system through the lungs and other avenues, and act as causes of most diseases.

The city authorities should attend to this matter of drainage.

The subject of ventilation, sunlight, and water, do not receive that attention that their importance demands. The air in our apartments should be frequently renewed, as confined air becomes impregnated with impurities. Rooms that are heated with coal, or kept lighted during the night should receive special care. Every occupied room should receive the sunlight at least a part of the day. Plants and men excluded from the sunlight grow pale and sickly.

Water from the well or aqueduct contains more or less foreign substances, and should be strained or filtered for drinking and cooking purposes. Wells are liable to be polluted by close proximity to stables, sink drains, cesspools, sewers, barnyards, and other polluted wells. Wells should be examined yearly, in the dry season, and cleansed from all droppings, settlings, &c.

If some method could be adopted by which the families of the poor could be warned, or even by city authority required, as far as possible, to keep their surroundings free from causes producing disease, expense to the city would be saved and good would be done. The city authorities have a right, on the ground of preservation of life, to require of all the inhabitants that they observe the laws of health as regards the surroundings of their dwellings.

As a matter of fact most of the sickness which causes expense to the city is occasioned by filth, either indoors or around the dwellings, or by neglect to obey the laws that are known, to some extent, by all classes. I feel that I cannot insist too strongly upon neatness indoors and around the dwellings — upon ventilation of rooms and sunlight in rooms where people spend the greatest portion of the day.

In submitting my report I feel that I ought in justice to say that there are families in our city who are in part, or wholly, supported by the benevolence of some of our citizens. I am glad that I am able to say that few know the extent of private charities in our city. Not only hundreds of dollars are saved to the public treasury, but the poor are cheered by benevolent acts, and the benevolent are enriched in character by giving.

Respectfully,

GARDNER C. HILL, *City Physician.*

CITY PASTURE.

To the Honorable City Councils:

The Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings having the care of the City Pasture, beg leave to make the following report:

Amount paid out for making and repairing fence,		$49 85
Amount received for pasturing cows,	$166 00	
" " sand,	1 00	
		$167 00
Amount deposited with the Treasurer,		$167 00

Respectfully submitted.

N. G. GURNSEY,
GEO. H. RICHARDS,
CHARLES W. SHEDD,

Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings.

CITY COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

REPORT FOR 1879.

Amount of taxes called for as per warrant,		$62,521 84
Interest collected to date,		115 90
		$62,637 74
Abatements to date,	$1,424 43	
Amount deposited with Treasurer, as per vouchers,	60,763 31	
		$62,187 74
Balance uncollected,		$450 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L O. GATES, *Collector.*

REPORT FOR 1880.

Whole amount called for as per warrant,		$60,758 19
Amount deposited with Treasurer,	$47,800 00	
Abatements to Dec. 1st,	1,237 26	
		49,037 26
Balance uncollected,		$11,720 93

Respectfully submitted,

SHUBAEL WHITE, *Collector.*

Keene, Dec. 11, 1880.